

Twitter Thread by George Allison



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Many of you don't know that my day job is in the NHS. When I'm not writing articles about just how many aircraft carriers happen to have, I'm in a hospital.

I've worked in the NHS in various roles for 12 years now, currently I'm on a 'covid ward'. Actually that's a bit misleading, we no longer have dedicated 'covid wards' most wards now deal with it. That luxury no longer exists.

Since March I've been terrified of going to work due to a virus various halfwits like to claim doesn't exist and it's made all that worse wearing the PPE, the place feels like an oven. I probably sweat more water than I have the time to drink.

Things in the hospital started to get better in the middle of last year but that didn't last long. Things are ramping back up to where they were at the height of the pandemic.

I'm not worried though because my colleagues, from cleaners to doctors and from nurses to porters still know what they're doing. The building is getting scrubbed, patients are getting treated and staff still have a smile for each other despite the immense pressure.

That's actually something I'm proud of, the NHS is a team effort. All the staff no matter their role just make it 'work'.

NHS staff are still doing their jobs despite howls of 'tHe hoSpiTals r eMPty!!!' from people with absolutely no comprehension of what is actually happening, cries of 'hoax!' from others with as much medical knowledge as a bruised pear.

People love to say 'they have time to make all of those tiktok videos' and that honestly exhausts me. People taking time on their break to boost their own morale, shocking eh?

Why am I tweeting this? I see the end of this approaching. Staff are getting vaccinated, the public will soon follow. Self-testing kits are now being deployed to staff again with the public to follow.

We're nearly there and I cannot wait for that day. I can't wait for a nice pint with friends after my shift and I see that day fast approaching. I'm happy.

For clarity, I'm not a doctor and I'm not a nurse. I'm a member of support staff and I've worked in a number of roles unrelated to patient care for those 12 years.