

What is meant by ‘long-term medical conditions’?

There is a wide range of congenital conditions, serious illnesses contracted in childhood or later and other medical circumstances which may, in themselves, or as a result of treatment, affect a student's health. There may be good and bad periods, with relapses, or a general deterioration in health. Changes in medication may result in fluctuating symptoms and inconsistent academic achievement. In many of these situations, the condition may be invisible, but have a considerable impact on levels of fatigue and stamina. The following list is not definitive, nor would all students with these conditions consider themselves disabled, or need alternative arrangements; but students have successfully studied at LSE with cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, diabetes, lupus, rheumatism, arthritis, cancer, repetitive strain injury, chronic fatigue syndrome, myasthenia gravis, HIV

How can staff help?

- encourage students who have not already done so, to contact the Disability & Well-being Service, to draft an Individual Student Support Agreement
- provide opportunities for students to discuss sensitive concerns in privacy
- contact the Disability & Well-being Service for further discussion/advice
- provide lecture materials and readings electronically and in advance where possible
- discretion and sensitivity are essential; not all students with chronic illness will want their condition widely known in the School
- when given an ISSA, please put into action the reasonable adjustments, or contact the Disability & Well-being Service to discuss any difficulties we may not have foreseen