

## **Ethics during the reset period: conflict or coherence during Covid-19?**

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We have been researching the distinctive ethical issues raised by what we have called 'the reset period', when non-Covid healthcare services resumed alongside the continuing pandemic in the UK. In our Reset Ethics project (Frith et al, 2021) we have been listening (using qualitative interviews and focus groups) to the voices of managers, health care professionals and patients, to understand their perspectives on the ethical issues that resetting services has generated. This paper will report on our interim findings, focussing on two issues: first, how the practice and experience of care and caring has been affected by the pandemic response; and second, what this means for the type and standard of care that can be delivered during the reset period. Through these findings we will explore the tension between clinical and public health ethics.

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