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With the Government's highly successful vaccines policy providing us with a clear route out of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is time to be planing extra support for the young people who are paying a heavy price. The evidence of what works is available and needs to be used in making policy.

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Dr Alex George has been appointed the new Youth Mental Health Ambassador.

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