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NHS announces plan to combat coronavirus fake news | The Guardian

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The NHS is launching a new initiative to fight coronavirus misinformation, a day after the government announced its own DCMS-led counter-disinformation unit, as conspiracy theories continue to spread on social media and elsewhere.

But, disinformation experts say, there remains little evidence of concerted efforts to spread falsehoods about the virus, suggesting that the misleading information in circulation is spread primarily through grassroots chatter.

For now, the health service's efforts are focused on spreading accurate information about how to treat and prevent the virus, which causes the disease Covid-19.

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