

about the fact we are using volunteers is there? I think it's a good thing!

[12/05/2020, 18:56:35] Matt Hancock MP: No it's BRILLIANT. They are some of the most capable people around

[12/05/2020, 18:57:17] Matt Hancock MP: It's not like they are just general volunteers - they have set aside some amazing jobs to rise to the call of the nation's needs

[12/05/2020, 19:00:15] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Exactly what I said to them. It's also massively hypocritical, as the Indy use volunteers, as do the Lib Dems (who are also putting the boot in). Might have to do some robust Twitter rebuttal later tonight/tomorrow morning, will keep you posted.

[12/05/2020, 22:29:57] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Totally ridiculous  
<https://twitter.com/hendopolis/status/1260320946721783810?s=19>

[13/05/2020, 07:10:43] Matt Hancock MP: Ignore

[13/05/2020, 09:14:35] Matt Hancock MP: PM morning call password isn't working

[13/05/2020, 09:15:32] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: I've just tried it and it works for me

[13/05/2020, 09:15:35] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: I&S

[13/05/2020, 10:21:50] Matt Hancock MP: Urgent: I need the daily care home deaths in European countries - the WHO said half of all deaths are in care homes. Is this true?

[13/05/2020, 10:26:21] Leila DHSC PS Second Phone: We're asking the team for this.

[13/05/2020, 11:07:59] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Can you help me with PMQs prep on care homes? Pm worried about 'why did we kick them out of hospitals' why did we say it was low risk and what have we done etc

[13/05/2020, 11:08:54] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Line on this is that it was low risk at the time, right? This was when we had very few cases, and so it wasn't high risk? And was clinical decisions anyway

[13/05/2020, 11:27:30] Matt Hancock MP: Answer is that we introduced quarantine for ALL those leaving hospital for care homes on 2 April

[13/05/2020, 11:29:06] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: OK - and we've based all our actions on the best clinical and scientific advice etc etc?

[13/05/2020, 11:30:12] Matt Hancock MP: Yes

[13/05/2020, 11:55:44] MH Top Team: • £600m Infection Control Fund to protect residents and staff which builds on the 1.6bn given to local authorities to support care homes at the from the start of the crisis

- Requirement on Local Authorities to conduct daily reviews of care homes in their area and take actions on any concerns such as need for more practical support for infection control, PPE or staffing issues
  - A named clinical lead for every care home meaning instant access to clinical advice if they are worried about their residents or staff which gives provides fast-track access to those caring for our most vulnerable
  - Government supported training programme for care home staff specifically on how to tackle this new virus which can prove so harmful to those in our care homes.
  - We know how crucial testing is, and the peace of mind it can offer. As we have ramped-up our ability to test, we have prioritised the testing of all care home staff and residents whether they have symptoms or not.
- [13/05/2020, 11:56:09] Matt Hancock MP: Very good
- [13/05/2020, 12:42:16] Allan Nixon: Other than the money, is the rest of this out now, before I start spreading it around with MPs?
- [13/05/2020, 12:45:05] Matt Hancock MP: The PM read out the headlines in answer 1 at PMQs. We need to publish the detail properly. Just arriving back now
- [13/05/2020, 12:47:07] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Matt, we might have some issues with you telling the PM we "locked down" care homes before the rest of the country
- [13/05/2020, 12:47:20] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Have we based that on the March 13th guidance that went out?
- [13/05/2020, 12:48:11] Matt Hancock MP: Yes
- [13/05/2020, 12:48:54] Leila DHSC PS Second Phone: We've got you documents on the detail for you to review shortly (letter to LAs, comms plan etc)
- [13/05/2020, 12:49:14] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: All we have to support that is this paragraph:

10. To minimise the risk of transmission, care home providers are advised to review their visiting policy, by asking no one to visit who has suspected Covid-19 or is generally unwell, and by emphasising good hand hygiene for visitors. Contractors on site should be kept to a minimum. The review should also consider the wellbeing of residents, and the positive impact of seeing friends and family.

[13/05/2020, 13:09:44] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Under the social care guidance, providers are being asked to share staff in the event that care workers are either too sick to