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Subject: Re: SAGE 15 minutes

Jeremy

Thanks, will read again. My read out to politicians has spelled out the urgency clearly but if we haven't reflected that in the minutes then we should

Patrick

From: Jeremy Farrar <J.Farrar@wellcome.ac.uk>
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In confidence

I know how desperately hard this is, the hours being worked under enormous stress by everyone in the system and a huge amount being done – trying to be constructive. Thought long and hard whether to send.

Are you content that these minutes convey

- The need for urgency that was palpable at the meeting
- The speed that this is unfolding
- We are further ahead in the epidemic – not “we may be”
- The framing of the modelling, and the behavioural science comes with a lot of uncertainties and caveats
- Impatience that the diagnostic testing lags behind and that there are “plans” to ramp up to 1000tests/week at some point?
- Not sure when the decision to stop testing in the community was made – is that right, no more testing of community non-hospitalised cases?
- The significant lag between any decisions and impact, such a time lag in a fast moving epidemic is concerning
- The need for social distancing interventions to be implemented as soon as policy could be written and communicated – very soon
- Need for comprehensive suite of social distancing interventions
- Increase in capacity in the NHS – an operational issue but clearly a critical one
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From: "SAGE Mailbox" <SAGE@I&S>
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Dear all

Please find attached minutes of the 15th SAGE meeting on Covid-19, held on 13th March. **Please note the classification of the document and do not share beyond SAGE participants and HMG.**

If you think you should not be receiving this information, please do let us know.

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Many thanks
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