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Subject: FW: Meeting on Operationalising new policy on testing for care home residents

Ms Roughton,

I'm part of the military team on floor 2 floor looking at the RTC rollout for key workers and helping secure equipment for the labs and was on the call earlier.

My read from the call was that:

- The policy intent is to test all symptomatic residents/patients within homes and all potential residents before entry to homes (focus on the 20% that come from hospital discharge in the first instance)
- Public Health Protection Teams will be overmatched if expected to test every resident but could manage a capacity upto 1000-1500 samples per day.
- Work is needed to fully understand the demand (population at risk) and capacity (lab and sample sets)
- PHE plan based on their London model will likely be adopted with courier use to dispatch and collect samples.
- Command and Control (C2) will be the CCGs situated in the LRF structure. A clear wire diagram outlining this command structure will be produced.
- Pillar 2 testing support was not being drawn on at this time.

I wanted to reiterate that part of the work being looked at under pillar 2 is a mobile test capability. These "pop up" facilities are designed to enable key worker populations at risk to be tested in their work situ: think of a police station with a van pulling up into their carpark. This would see a gazebo and some tables put out, a team in PPE handing out sample taking kits to let the front line workers test themselves and then collecting the samples before withdrawing and dispatching the samples to a lab. Control will likely be via the LRFs, the same C2 structure that will likely run the PHE programme as discussed on the call.

One key worker audience is care home workers: it may be a stretch at this time for these small teams to test the residents but mayhap this idea could assist in some way once the concept has been proven? I am being careful not to promise anything as the work is still nascent, so please do not plan for these as the cavalry that can save the day, but thought it worth mentioning to prompt thinking and maximise use.

Regards,

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