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**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Testing in care homes

I have just talked to Ed in SofS office about this, informed by a meeting with PHE, CQC, NHS E and others from testing world on how we operationalise this.

- We can press ahead straight away with hospitals testing patients who are going to care homes.
- We should aspire to, as soon as capacity allows (and we have worked out an operational way of delivering this), that everyone going into a care home from the community could be tested. We think the numbers on this are under 8000 a month.

Best wishes  
Ros

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Hi [NR]

Thanks, so the second top line should be this one:

Health Secretary to offer testing for “everyone who needs one” in social care settings

Then the three bullets should be

- All symptomatic care residents will be tested for COVID-19 as testing capacity continues to increase
- All patients discharged from hospital into care homes to be tested before as a matter of course
- Social Care staff to be next in line for frontline worker testing as CQC contacts all 30,000 care providers in the coming days to offer tests



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**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Testing in care homes

Secretary of State was clear just now:

- Testing all symptomatic care home residents – PHE capacity
- Testing all people discharged from hospital into care homes – NHSE capacity

We need to think for the next phase about how we operationalise a next phase of testing all people being admitted to a care home from any location.

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Can we nail down the admissions stuff. My understanding was that we were going to move to all new admissions to care homes to be tested.

Either way, can we make the top line:

Health Secretary to offer testing for “everyone who needs one” in social care settings

Then the three bullets should be

- All symptomatic care residents will be tested for COVID-19 as testing capacity continues to increase
- All new care home admissions will be tested as a matter of course/All patients discharged from hospital into care homes to be tested before as a matter of course
- Social Care staff to be next in line for frontline worker testing as CQC contacts all 30,000 care providers in the coming days to offer tests

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Yes, not people who are admitted to care homes from home or another care home. That can be part of a next phase.



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We've just had the read-out through from the SoS testing meeting that says:

- On Social Care SoS PO to make sure that the Social Care paper doesn't commit to testing everyone that goes to a care home but ONLY those who go from hospital.

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Copying Jamie.

Could we include in the release the rationale for testing ppl leaving hospitals when they don't have symptoms. Would our existing test pick up someone as having Covid in these circumstances?



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Tom – I understand SofS has already said this capacity is available?

I'm afraid we need comments **by 6pm** please as this is a direct request from No10 and SpAds.

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Thanks Tom – would we be able to get other comments on this within the next half hour if possible please?

Thanks

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Thanks **Name Redacted**

Two immediate comments. I believe we are now refereeing to the publication as an Action Plan rather than a Strategy.

I think it is not possible or desirable to set a date for when capacity would be available to test all care home workers. We are only just getting data on absence rates and therefore demand.

Tom

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Hi all

Our SpAds have indicated they want to trail the adult social care strategy with a press notice on testing in care homes to be sent out tonight

Grateful if you could let me know any comments ASAP on the below release if anything is inaccurate

Apologies I wasn't sure which workstream this best fit under.

Tom, Name Redacted – grateful if you could take a look too – as much of this was pulled from the strategy doc

Thanks

Name Redacted

**\*\*\*STRICTLY EMBARGOED FOR 00.01 WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL\*\*\***

## Testing cap on care home residents lifted

- All symptomatic care residents will be tested for COVID-19 as testing capacity continues to increase
- Patients discharged from hospital into care homes to be tested before as a matter of course
- Social Care staff to be next in line for frontline worker testing as CQC contacts all 30,000 care providers in the coming days to offer tests

All care home residents and social care staff with COVID-19 symptoms will be tested as capacity is built up, the government is announcing today.

Currently the first five symptomatic residents in a care home setting are tested if there is an outbreak, this has been to help manage demand for tests for the most unwell in hospitals.

However, as lab capacity increases every day the government will be expanding testing to include more care home residents.

The safety of residents and staff is a priority and as such, testing will now also be provided to all hospitals patients admitted to care homes upon their discharge, to support care providers to take appropriate actions including implementing isolation procedures.

The measures confirmed today and expected to be outlined further in the government's Covid-19 social care strategy tomorrow will help give residents, their families and those that they care for peace of mind and help care providers who are struggling with staff absences.

**Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock said:**

"Our brilliant care workforce are playing an essential role in the fight against Covid-19, and we are doing everything we can to keep workers, residents and their families safe.

"We are rapidly scaling up the national effort to boost testing capacity and today I'm pleased to say we have begun testing social care workers and will roll this out nationwide over the coming days and will test everybody who is admitted to a care home from hospital, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

"We recognise that testing is key in our battle against coronavirus which is why we are lifting the cap on testing care home residents to keep everyone safe, prevent the spread and save lives."

As the rollout continues the Government is guaranteeing every social care worker who needs a test will have one by XX date.

Dedicated testing has already begun for frontline staff with over 20,000 tests for NHS workers and their families tested having occurred already.

As capacity grows further through the government's new mega labs, it will prioritise the testing of symptomatic social care workers and anyone in their household who have COVID-19 symptoms.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) are leading coordination of testing for the care sector, and have already offered testing to around 6000 care facilities. By the end of the week they will have contacted all 30,000 care providers. Care providers will identify workers eligible for testing and refer them to their local testing centre. The CQC are working with local decision makers, including the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and Local Resilience Forums, alongside national bodies, such as PHE to prioritise access to testing to those most at need. Tests for social care staff and residents will support the government to achieve its ambition of 100,000 COVID-19 tests a day by end of April

#### Notes to Editors

- All of the tests are PCR tests.
- A small number of people may be discharged from the NHS within the 14-day period from the onset of COVID-19 symptoms needing ongoing social care. They will have been COVID-19 tested and have confirmed COVID-positive status. Some care providers will be able to accommodate these individuals through effective isolation strategies or cohorting policies.
- If appropriate isolation/cohorted care is not available with a local care provider, the individual's local authority will be asked to secure alternative appropriate accommodation and care for the remainder of the required isolation period.
- The Government has made £1.3 billion available to support enhanced discharge from the NHS, and this funding can be drawn on for this alternative provision. The NHS Discharge Requirements will continue to apply.
- For people discharged asymptomatic into a care home– these individuals will have been tested prior to admission. Where these tests are negative, we still recommend isolation for 14 days. This will normally be in a care home that is able to meet that requirement, or it could be under alternative local authority made arrangements assisted by appropriate NHS primary and community based care.
- For individuals coming from the community – as per 1.32, we will move to these residents being tested prior to admission. The majority will have come from isolation in their own homes given social distancing and shielding policies. After discussion with the new resident and family, the care home may wish to isolate for a 14 day period following admission.



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