

chosen a different route.....

[12/03/2020, 23:17:13] Gregor Smith:there's still time....

[12/03/2020, 23:24:30] Jason Leitch: Ain't that the truth. There's an empty practice in Cumbernauld....

[15/03/2020, 11:43:57] Gregor Smith: This article is causing confusion and alarm amongst GPs - can we get it clarified with BBC and comms about role of GP, the surveillance programme and the community hubs. At the moment it's being interpreted as routine testing in GP practices.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-51895936>

[15/03/2020, 11:51:56] Gregor Smith: So far [redacted] NR and [redacted] NR all been in contact about it.

[15/03/2020, 11:52:25] Gregor Smith: And now [redacted] NR Can we move on this quickly?

[15/03/2020, 11:53:55] Derek Grieve: Is there something on the GP surveillance scheme I could provide to comms by way of clarification. If you don't have this I can ask primary care.

[15/03/2020, 12:02:02] Jim McMenamin: I will write a paragraph for this just now

[15/03/2020, 12:02:23] Derek Grieve: Thanks Jim. Thought you were on a day off.

[15/03/2020, 12:04:00] Jim McMenamin: I am but is is the quickest solution

[15/03/2020, 12:14:30] Jason Leitch: Is days off still a thing??

[15/03/2020, 12:16:04] Gregor Smith: Apparently not! 😞

[19/03/2020, 18:50:26] Jason Leitch: Jim...or someone...give the brief science challenge for not being able to test at a large scale. What's the problem? Kit? Tech? Virus? What?

[19/03/2020, 18:50:34] Jason Leitch: Fast please. By 7..15

[19/03/2020, 18:59:15] Derek Grieve: I'm sure Jim and the team can answer but it's more likely to be capacity. Work is in hand to max out the labs we have and that will deliver up to 3k tests a day. Work is in hand to explore other options such as universities but this takes time to get kit, train people and develop the systems. Jim can correct me if this is wrong though.

[19/03/2020, 19:05:09] Gregor Smith: That's my understanding too Derek. This is about platform capacity and training.

[19/03/2020, 19:19:40] Jason Leitch: But if it's capacity just get more? That sounds like a buy your way out problem?

[19/03/2020, 19:21:16] Derek Grieve: We can't magic up the labs. That's the big challenge I think but Jim can confirm. There isn't huge private sector capacity in Scotland. There is a bit more in England I'm told.

[19/03/2020, 19:25:01] Jim McMenamin: Thanks Derek the other aspects to consider as information exchange with the NHS that meets information governance approval re confidentiality and data transfer.



[19/03/2020, 19:50:51] Jason Leitch: I love you Jim but you can never been live on STV. 😂

[19/03/2020, 19:52:06] Jim McMenamin: 😂😂😂😂

[19/03/2020, 20:36:05] Gregor Smith: Jim - one to watch here. I've copied Gill into a chain about admissions to care homes where there are active cases. Chief Officers want guidance changed to allow this. I said I'd seek a view from [redacted] Nam, CNOD and HPS but I'd need a bit of convincing this was appropriate given what we know about transmissibility and mortality in these environments. I'm very uncomfortable about reversing from this existing guidance.

[19/03/2020, 21:16:24] Jim McMenamin: Okay. Thanks Gregor

[19/03/2020, 21:25:57] Gregor Smith: Sorted. Policy will go back to COs with clinical position on no change strongly expressed by myself and [redacted] Name Redacted

[29/03/2020, 11:05:26] Jason Leitch: URGENT - did we take part in Cygnus in 2016? Just yes or no is good for me for TV at 1015

[29/03/2020, 11:29:49] Gregor Smith: Yes

[29/03/2020, 12:38:47] ~ Daniel K: Derek Grieve added ~ Daniel K

[06/04/2020, 21:35:13] Jason Leitch: Jim - I'm doing an off the record briefing for media at 4pm tomorrow by Zoom about deaths and reporting. Scott and Peter whitehouse are on it. I think I'd like you to help me if you can. Please.

[06/04/2020, 21:36:33] Derek Grieve: Hi Jason. I'm sure Jim will be great at this and I think Scott Heald in PHS is on the case to support you and the team too.

[06/04/2020, 21:36:50] Jason Leitch: He is.

[06/04/2020, 21:37:09] Jason Leitch: I need the country's top boffins....I'm the chat guy....

[06/04/2020, 21:37:29] Gareth Brown: Jim gives excellent boffin.

[06/04/2020, 21:41:04] Jason Leitch: He does....