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Subject: RE: COVID-19 daily testing figures

Hugo

Can I suggest that you now take this issue a little more seriously than seems to be the case, and provide a comprehensive written response urgently. These issue have been kicking around for a number of days, and I am astonished that you don't seem to appreciate the frustration it is causing. I thought I had made this clear in my conversation with you and Valerie earlier in the week, but it would seem that my points did not get the traction you assured me they had.

By way of illustration, I asked for a daily reconciliation between testing capacity and number of tests carried out - I have yet to see that.

We do not need a meeting on this, but some firm action on your part to resolve. I would be grateful for that full written report by lunchtime tomorrow at the latest.

If this is a problem, or you feel unable to address it, please come back to me directly and I will determine an alternative way forward.

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Dear Mark

Thank you for your recent correspondence and that of the Minister. I am responding briefly to acknowledge receipt.

We intend to provide a response to you and the Minister within the timeframe indicated, but would suggest that we also set up a meeting with relevant individuals on Monday, as I am conscious that a face to face meeting may provide the opportunity to explore issues in greater depth.

If you can indicate a specific time on Monday, we can seek to work with the CMO's office and Trusts to identify representatives to attend by video/teleconference.

Best wishes

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