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**Subject:** URGENT POLICY ADVICE TONIGHT

Thanks **NR** – how quickly can we get that meeting in?

All – I was just turning to the policy advice and Marion's note – not sure where that leaves us with the policy advice – we seem to be directed towards some options and a further meeting and I'm concerned that the questions are mounting – I've just given another holding line on the differences between England and Wales.

I'll keep working on the advice tonight so we can turn around quickly tomorrow.

Claire

**Claire Rowlands**

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**Subject:** FW: care testing

Claire - To be aware of the latest have asked **NR** to set up the meeting.

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**Subject:** FW: care testing

Colleagues

This is the latest request following a Ministerial meeting held this afternoon.

Please can we set up a call tomorrow to regroup.

Kind regards

Albert

**Albert Heaney**

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**Subject:** care testing

Hi Albert,

DM spoke with VG and FM today about testing etc. They were not convinced that there is scientific merit (nor capacity) to test sector-wide. I agree with them, we cant test 20,000 residents and similar numbers of staff routinely. However, DM argued we need some better approach than testing by symptom, and FM is asking that CMO, Andrew and yourself examine the case for doing more than testing by symptom only (such as selective testing in hot spots – my example) and report back to FM, VG and JM. What would be the aims and evidence for this. I said there were views from the field that testing would assist in care triage and planning and in preventing asymptomatic staff from infecting etc. However, I don't have sources (providers/ADSS/CFW) that can substantiate the importance of testing more widely and hope you may be able to generate such for your involvement with CMO/Andrew? I think we can't argue for universal testing (at this point) but must argue that (a) we will have a year of covid to cope with in homes I suspect (b) we must prioritise spare testing capacity in high risk settings where covid has flared and needs control (c) consider how through testing we might find ways to isolate covid infected residents more successfully in settings or in transfers to other treatment settings other than hospital (d) rotate the testing of staff in infected settings to reduce risk. Well that's my starter for 4, I will do some research myself. Perhaps we can discuss in next day or so.

Best, NR