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**Attachments:** COVID-19 -Testing Plan - V3.0.docx

**Importance:** High

Richard

Not sure if you've seen this. We've been invited to comment and endorse before publication tomorrow, without circulating further.

Difficult I would have thought in the time available, and without being able to go to ministers.

David

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Dear all,

As you may be aware, the Department of Health and Social Care intends to publish its three-month testing strategy for scaling up testing capacity in the UK tomorrow.

We are committed to coordinating and aligning our testing strategy as closely as possible with the Devolved Administration programmes, where possible, to ensure we are delivering a national response to the COVID pandemic.

As key representatives, we would like to share a copy of the strategy with you in advance of publication for your comment and endorsement. Please note that this is being shared on a strictly confidential basis, and should not be circulated more widely.

If you do have any comments or amendments to the document, please ensure these are forwarded to us as soon as possible.

We are wary that this is being shared with you at short notice – the current situation has meant that things are moving very quickly here, however, we are committed to ensuring DA views are taken into account.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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