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#### Pillar 5 - National Diagnostics Effort

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| <b>Issue</b>          | Following the publication of the National Testing Strategy we quickly need to ramp work on the new pillar 5, the national diagnostics effort. This submission sets out the proposed objectives, workstreams, and immediate next actions for the pillar.  |
| <b>Timing</b>         | Urgent – we are looking to publish the first calls to action on Wednesday this week.   |
| <b>Recommendation</b> | That you: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agree the proposed scope and objectives of the pillar set out in paragraph 4</li><li>2. Agree the proposed launch plan for the national effort this week including 3 specific calls for action and the launch of a new triage and stakeholder engagement system</li></ol> |

1. The National Testing Strategy published on 4 April set out 5 pillars for scaling up our testing programmes.
  - Boosting swab testing in NHS and PHE labs for patients and frontline NHS staff
  - Creation of brand new swab testing capacity delivered by commercial partners
  - Development of antibody tests that can be proven to work
  - Mass surveillance to determine what proportion of the population have already had the virus

And included a included a new pillar to

  - Build a British diagnostics industry at scale
2. This note outlines the scope for the work of the 5th pillar, progress to date, and the immediate next steps

#### Objectives of our national diagnostics effort

3. Pillar 5 is to spearhead a national effort to create a mass testing capacity at a totally new scale. We have 3 primary objectives.
  - i. In the immediate term - mobilising industry to reinforce the **immediate supply needs of pillars 1-3 to deliver the 100k target**. We will do this both proactively with key existing suppliers (such as Thermofisher) and global life sciences companies (such as AstraZeneca), and through