

1. improving the process for identifying staff to be tested and getting those tests done, and improving understanding of that process, and the role of the Local Resilience Fora, so that any blockages could be addressed swiftly at local level, not escalated to the centre, the military are providing logistical support on this;
2. pressing ahead with work currently underway to increase testing capacity, for the short term, and to support the recovery planning;
3. improving comms to explain the global procurement problems, as evidenced by the UK government's shipment of PPE from Turkey
4. moving the focus of comms away from targets, towards regular updates on progress achieved.

Minister HLG reported that the Chief Exec of RCT would be carrying out a rapid review of the testing process.

Action: MHSS to share testing updates with Ministers.

Second homes

Minister HLG has changed the rules on owners of self-catering accommodation claiming business rate relief and grants, so that they will qualify only if property rented for 140 days (previously 70) and their income from renting is 50% or more of their overall income. This change had been under consideration for some time and was announced on Friday.

Finance dashboard

Ministers noted that this update was very useful.

Agenda for tomorrow's call

Agreed as follows:

- Update on shielding and food boxes: MEERA
- Update on funding for local government and the DAF: MFT
- Update on Food Banks: DMHLG.

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