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Subject: Brief readout from no10 mass testing roundtable

All,

In the interests of time I'm only to send round the four key actions from the mass testing roundtable in no10 this evening. Please do shout if you think I've misrepresented any of the points, and note that for now I haven't shared this with industry.

1. **Sharon** and team are looking at the best kitemarked products on the market for testing those who have had the condition and will have a list tomorrow of those appropriate. She will then work with **Steve Oldfield** to purchase. The first call is for key workers in the NHS to have access to the testing to help people return to work. **Sharon** and **Steve Powis** to work out a plan for this.
2. **Jeremy Farrar** to lead on the research point, looking at a serology based survey across the population, with input from **Sharon** as necessary.
3. **Hadley** to talk to [NR] and [NR] about mass serology testing through at home kits, ensuring that it links back into the NHS through the work NHSX is leading on.
4. **Lord Bethell**, **Jeremy Farrar** and **Kristen** to come up with a plan for the fastest way to scale up antigen testing (the "do you have it now" test) using entirely non NHS/PHE facilities, starting with Thermofisher possible capacity.

Other key points

- i. Sharon is leading on the work around 'do you have it now' testing.

- ii. June has said the MHRA will publish performance specs to allow companies to get involved as fast as possible.
- iii. CMO has said it's important for the most accurate tests (as it will take time to develop accuracy) to be used on NHS staff and those who are vulnerable.
- iv. Companies had concerns about shortages of products for the process e.g. swabs and reagents.
- v. **Duncan** to look at how swabs are being used across the system
- vi. **NR** said Universities can explore how their capacity can be used.

Many thanks

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