

Test, Track & Trace Ministerial Taskforce - Terms of Reference

Short ToR for public use

The Taskforce will set the direction and ensure effective implementation of the UK's strategy towards Covid-19 testing supply, tracking and contact tracing. It will ensure the necessary supply of tests and ensure that the test, track and trace system is fully integrated, successfully launched and run sustainably and effectively. The Taskforce will advise the Prime Minister on what is needed to achieve these aims.

Membership

- Dido Harding (Chair)
- Sir Chris Wormald (Permanent Secretary DHSC)
- Jeremy Pocklington (Permanent Secretary MHCLG)
- Matthew Rycroft (Permanent Secretary HO)
- Sarah Healey (Permanent Secretary DCMS)
- Charles Roxburgh (2nd Permanent Secretary, HMT)
- Sam Beckett (Permanent Secretary BEIS)
- Patrick Vallance (Government Chief Scientific Adviser)
- Chris Whitty (Chief Medical Officer)
- Sir Ian Diamond (Office for National Statistics)
- David Williams (SRO)
- Duncan Selbie (Chief Executive, Public Health England)
- Matthew Gould (Chief Executive, NHS Digital)
- Tom Hurd (SRO for Infection Monitoring and Local Response)
- Simon Ridley (Cabinet Secretariat, Covid-19 Healthcare)

External Experts

- Sir John Bell (Government Life Sciences Adviser)
- Manufacturing/life sciences expert (Private sector)
- Demand modelling expert
- Bio industry expert

As required

- Scottish Government
- Welsh Government
- Northern Irish Executive
- Lucy Smith (UK Governance Group)
- Head of Joint Biosecurity Centre
- Director, Civil Contingencies Secretariat
- Alex Aiken (Executive Director, Government Comms)
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Long ToR for internal use

The Taskforce will aim to:

- Make sure there is sufficient testing capacity to support the government's strategy to reopen economic and social activity in the coming months
- Integrate the test, track and trace programme and make sure it is successfully launched to the public.
- Agree a single vision to guide the implementation of testing and tracing policy across the Four Nations of the UK.
- Ensure that citizens' personal data are transparently managed in the programme.
- Agree incentives and a policy framework to drive compliance with the tracking and tracing programmes and the public health advice to citizens with symptoms and positive tests including any enforcement mechanisms required.
- Agree on an evidence-based policy framework for introducing personal risk assessments based on individuals' exposure to the virus and any immunity they may have acquired.

Devolved status:

- Health policy, including testing and contact tracing, is devolved.

Management Information

Wider governance

The Taskforce will oversee the existing HMG governance structure for TTT. An approach to monitoring progress - including action-tracking and metrics - will be agreed in the first meeting of the Taskforce.

Secretariat Arrangements

The Cabinet Office will secretariat the meetings.

Frequency

The Taskforce will meet as required.