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Noise from system suggests to me we need to communicate more directly with nhs & care workforce re coronavirus. I'm asking Lee & Comms team to update me on the comms approach to the workforce tmr, but just wanted to flag / sense check. H

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Good point. We are sending more jnfo today but I should do a missive to the front line at the right point

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Exactly! A communication directly from you would be a v good thing. If possible quite soon as there is growing nervousness about system capacity to cope.

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Lots of questions about how social care will cope with covid19.

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Are you on it?

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I am chasing it. Have got hold of what I'm told are two LA plans (Herts & Essex). My opinion is that they are inadequate. Have asked for someone to brief me tomorrow on a plan for getting these and other plans into shape.

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Was literally about to message you to flag my concern. In parallel, I bumped into rob jenrick last night...he has similar concerns. He said he's working on setting up an assurance process similar to one used for LA Brexit no deal plans.



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The Essex doc says providers are required by CQC to have plans in place to provide safe care in the event of a pandemic. And, during a flu pandemic, Directors of Adult Social Services need to know the effectiveness of providers plans, emerging risks and capacity to meet demand. That's basically it. Their plan.



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Can you possibly put some serious drive into getting them to a credible position? CMO tells me there's guidance to social care being developed to publish. Seems to me that we need to do a lot of work here

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Yes, absolutely. It has taken a week to even get these 2 example plans and to get meeting in diary with Chief Social Worker (tmr). You are right, it needs a rocket under it.



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