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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Consultant,

RE: PROVISION OF TEST & TRACE SERVICES.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of Coronavirus testing, NHS Test & Trace, and outsourcing.

As part of an unprecedented response to this pandemic, my colleagues in the Department of Health & Social Care have drawn on the expertise and resources of a number of public and private sector partners to support our NHS and social care sector. The Government has been guided by the science throughout, consulting with a range of experts in each field, and has made significant progress in testing capacity and analysis.

Testing and NHS Test & Trace services are being provided through the NHS, and while it is true that providers like Serco and Sitel are working with the public sector to deliver these services, I am confident that these providers will be held to the highest standards to ensure that the best service possible is delivered.

I know that the Government is very aware of the frustration that some people are experiencing trying to access tests. I have received assurances at the highest level that work is being done urgently to increase testing capacity following a rise in the virus and an increase in the number of people wanting tests.

Ministers are confident that 500,000 tests will be able to be processed daily by the end of October and are increasing the number of testing sites by 20 percent, which should enable people to find a test site closer to their homes, as well as increasing testing capacity.

It is a testament to the ingenuity of British businesses that they have been able to adapt existing resources in a time of great need for our country, and I am extremely grateful to all those organisations that have offered their services at this time as part of the national effort.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,
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