

To: Business & Operational Continuity Committee

Dear member,

As you would have seen we wrote to you yesterday regarding the governments published roadmap. This set out a timeline of lifting restrictions as well as the conditions that must be met before proceeding out of lockdown.

I would like to draw your attention again to the attached and specifically to chapter 4: 'Keeping people safe and responding to threats'. On page 49 onwards, the document covers the various methods of testing programmes being rolled out, including workplace testing. As you are aware the initial offer to provide workplace testing expires on 31 March, this was a concern to some firms who had yet to operationalise their testing sites. It is very welcome that the government has addressed this in the below:

“The Government’s offer of free test kits to workplaces for staff who cannot work at home will be extended to until the end of June. Organisations, including those yet to open, will need to register interest before 31 March. The Government will keep this under review as vaccine deployment continues and will investigate how testing could be used to support the recovery”.

It is important that firms who wish to take part in this programme register their interest via the gov.uk portal **before** 31 March 2021, you can do so [here](#). If you have an outstanding request with the mailbox (P-and-PSector@dhsc.gov.uk) then please make sure you have also completed the registration via the link before the deadline or you will not be eligible.

If members would like to attend any of the webinars scheduled by NHS and DHSC then please do email me and I will provide you with the relevant links.

Any other questions or issues, do let me know.