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Dear all

Here as promised are the first two reports from the Ventilation Expert Group. The first shows their work plan which is currently focussed on sector specific guidance, the second has some general recommendations including CO2 monitors and air filtration / sterilisation devices.

Kind Regards,

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Dear all,

Thank you for attending the call this morning, please see below a readout. As mentioned during the call please see attached;

- A lateral flow antigen test comparative study in the first attachment.
- A paper on the different impacts of C-19 on men and women in the second attachment (Please note: this paper is being shared in confidence).
- Two papers focused on the impacts of C-19 on young females and pregnancy in the third and fourth attachments (Please note: these papers are being shared in confidence).

The self-testing guidance videos also mentioned on the call from NHS Test & Trace can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

We will be in touch to confirm the next call.

Best Wishes,

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European Science Advisors Call (25 Mar 2021 0800 GMT)

Attendees:

Represented country	Attendee	Job title
UK	5.1.2e	Government Chief Scientific Adviser & Chief Medical Officer
France	5.1.2e 5.1.2e	Members of the COVID-19 Scientific Council [SC]

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Switzerland		Head of Expert Group on International Relations and Head of Expert Group Infection Prevention and Control, Swiss COVID-19 Scientific Taskforce
Belgium	5.1.2e (5.1.2e, 5.1.2e)	Head of Service - Viral Diseases, Sciensano
Italy	5.1.2e 5.1.2e	President of the Italian National Institute of Health
Ireland		Chief Scientific Adviser for the Government of Ireland

Observers: 5.1.2e 5.1.2e 5.1.2e 5.1.2e 5.1.2e 5.1.2e
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Agenda

1. Experiences of testing rollouts, especially self-testing
2. Increased mortality associated with the variant first identified in the UK

Actions

- 5.1.2e to share paper on ventilation to the group once cleared.
- UK to send link of NHS self-testing training video.
- UK to share lateral flow testing study.
- UK to circulate information regarding severity of C-19 during pregnancy.

1. Experiences of testing rollouts, especially self-testing

- **Switzerland:** RS explained the Swiss are discussing launching testing at scale. It is not yet decided if this will be targeted. RS asked the group to discuss their experiences, including what lessons have been learned and which methods were most successful. RS will follow up with the UK testing team tomorrow.
- **UK:** PV discussed the UK's large testing capacity and explained that the UK has looked carefully at effectiveness and concluded both lateral and PCR tests are effective. Lateral flow tests are used in education and healthcare settings. In schools, students over 11 are self-testing at home twice a week, with high levels of compliance indicated by reported positivity. CW explained mass testing exercises have some benefits but in areas of high deprivation it proved less effective. As the UK progresses in each stage of the roadmap it is thought lateral flow tests will be utilised more widely in workplaces and for events. On testing for entry to events PV thought it would be better for them to be conducted at events rather than at home. PV also thought that if the public could get into a more routine pattern of self-testing before next winter that would be beneficial.
 - BI. asked whether the UK has produced any guidance materials for the public on using self-testing kits. CW mentioned there are a variety of training materials, including the one produced by NHS Test and Trace.
 - SVG asked how testing in schools worked. PV and CW explained the first few weeks were conducted in school, whereas now they are completed at home.

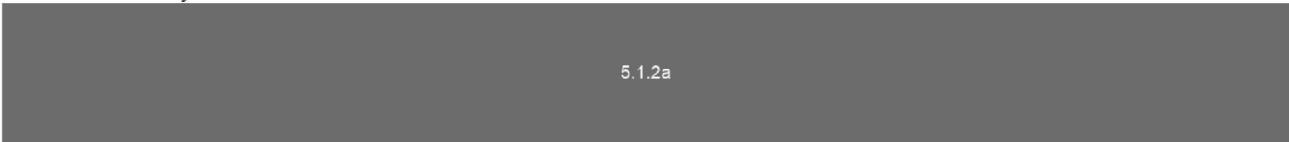
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- **Ireland:** MF mentioned a report currently with Ministers reviewing testing and the various methods and is happy to share with the group once approved for publication. MF explained that studies showed the saliva method works well for PCR but not for LFD tests, and nasal swabs work for both LFD and PCR tests. MF cited helpful interactions with 5.1.2e 5.1.2e [Public Health England] to discuss testing methods. Issues highlighted include self-administering being less effective than professionally administered tests, and compliance with required waiting times for the result. Anecdotal evidence from companies who have introduced testing suggest it improves people's confidence and group behaviour. Those who refuse to be tested often feel ostracised, as people avoid them over safety concerns.

2. Increased mortality associated with the variant first identified in the UK

- **UK:** PV mentioned we have some evidence of increased rates of B.1.1.7 detected during pregnancy. Currently, it is believed this is due

to increased screening in pre-natal clinics rather than increased risk. PV and CW believe the mortality of variant is 30%. and confirmed the increased mortality is accounted for in models.



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Dear all,

We have arranged a follow up call for tomorrow morning at 0800 GMT / 0900 CET to cover outstanding items from the European advisors call last week. Please see attached the agenda.

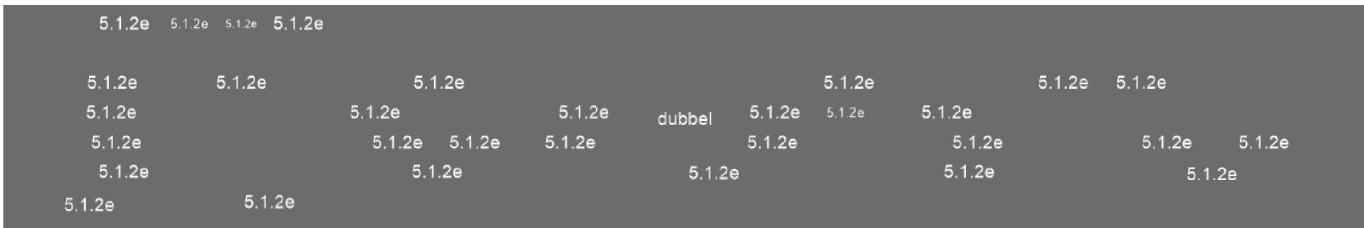
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