**23.02.21 Updates to Staff and Prisoner Testing**

Dear Executive Directors, Prison Group Directors and Governors/Directors,

Please see the below updates on staff and prisoner testing for staff and prisoners within prisons.

1. **Advice for governors on increasing staff uptake of COVID-19 testing.**

Attachment: Note for Governors on Staff Testing Uptake.

Governors are asked to respond to  their PGDs confirming the points requested in section 3 of the attached note. PGDs are to collate these responses and send them to HMPPSCOVID19RegimeRecoveryTesting@justice.gov.uk

In addition to the detailed note, the following annexes are also available via <https://hmppsintranet.org.uk/ersd-guidance/2020/04/28/staff-testing-in-england/>:

1. The latest uptake data for each establishment (ranked by PCR uptake rates) – **Annex A**
2. Examples of existing communications materials that governors already have access to – **Annex B**
3. **Expansion of Prisoner LFD Testing and Updates to Staff LFD Testing**

Attachment: PGD Brief

The attached brief describes the expansion of LFD testing to prisoners upon reception and transfer (in addition to existing PCR), before court, transfer, ROTL and before release, and also details the updates that have been made to Staff LFD Testing guidance.

In addition to the brief, supporting documents are also available via <https://hmppsintranet.org.uk/ersd-guidance/2020/04/28/staff-testing-in-england/>.

Please direct any queries on testing to HMPPSCOVID19RegimeRecoveryTesting@justice.gov.uk. General enquires should be directed to COVID19.Regimes&OpsGuidance@justice.gov.uk in the first instance.

Kind Regards,

**COVID-19 Regime Management Team**

