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Dear Iain,

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 March on behalf of a number of your constituents about the end of free testing for care home visits.

The regular asymptomatic testing regime in adult social care, including for visitors to care homes, after 1 April is currently under review, but will continue to focus on supporting people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 and providing care for those that need it. Until then, testing for visitors to care homes should currently continue in line with the general care home testing regime.

We will set out details of the future for asymptomatic lateral flow testing in adult social care, including which groups will be eligible after the provision of free lateral flow tests for the general public ends, in due course. In doing so, we will keep under review the impact of our COVID-19 policies on people with caring responsibilities, including visitors to care homes.

I hope this reply is helpful.

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