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**From:** Alexander Bourne [REDACTED] s40  
**Sent:** 25 August 2020 17:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] s35(1)(d)  
**Subject:** Re: Invite from Matt Hancock

Dear [REDACTED], s40

Many thanks for this and I can confirm that I would like to attend.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely

Alex Bourne

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**From:** [REDACTED] s35(1)(d)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 3:56:26 PM  
**To:** Alexander Bourne [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mr Bourne.

### **Preliminary Market Engagement - Manufacturing Support for Increased Testing**

The Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care would like to invite you to join a Downing Street virtual roundtable on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 3:15-4:00pm.

As our work to address COVID-19 moves to the next stage of maturity, we are exploring options to expand the SARS-CoV-2 testing infrastructure to enable significant increases in testing in the UK. Expanded testing, and the necessary infrastructure in place to deliver it, is critical if we are to reduce the impact of SARS-CoV-2 on our physical and economic health.

The Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care would like your support in this ambition. They are keen to hear where you see the challenges and opportunities, and what more UK government can do to proactively support this vital endeavour. The scope of the conversation will include consulting with you on how we can scale up the manufacture of new and existing diagnostic tests and how we can support the supply chain for consumables, reagents and devices.

We want your help to challenge the conventional thinking about what's possible, to explore how we can eliminate the barriers to testing at scale and your support to potentially work with us to achieve this ambition.

In advance of this call, the Secretary of State has asked the NHS Test & Trace team to arrange a pre-meeting with you to confirm your support and brief you further – this will need to be with the person attending the call. In the first instance, please do confirm your availability for this roundtable. Zoom call details will follow nearer the time.

Kind regards,



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