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Dear Mary,

I am writing to thank you for your excellent and thoughtful work in leading a rapid stocktake of lessons learnt and good practice drawn from the experience in the Leicester area of a local Covid-19 outbreak.

As you know, your work was carried out at considerable speed. In that context, it is particularly pleasing that you were able to provide so much detail and depth to your findings. I am also grateful to all those who took the time to contribute to the stocktake whether through written submissions or the many conversations that I know you had.

As you note in your report, this is a fast-moving field. So it is especially impressive that so much of the lessons learnt and good practice described in your report continue to have relevance. I know that we, in central government, are already feeding its learning points into the current review of the Contain framework and into work on engagement with diverse communities and considering how best to secure compliance with local regulatory regimes. At the same time, I have asked my officials to consider with colleagues across Whitehall how we can weave the learning you have highlighted into longer term workstreams in this area.

In the same way, I would encourage all local authorities and their partners to study your report and its teaching in order to ensure that they are as prepared as possible should they face similar challenges to those faced by the local authorities in Leicester and Leicestershire in the future.

Once again, I am very grateful for all your work.

Yours ever,  
Robert

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