

The Health Secretary has announced plans to significantly increase coronavirus testing in the UK. Matt Hancock, who has just returned from self-isolation after contracting the virus, said he hoped that 100,000 tests could be carried out every day in England by the end of the month. Universities and private firms will be called in to help. After days of intense criticism, he admitted there had been big challenges with testing from the outset, with delays meaning previous targets had not been hit. Today, it was announced that 569 more people have died from coronavirus in the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of confirmed reported deaths in the UK to 2,921. Here's our political editor Laura Kuenssberg. Will there be enough? Not a pleasant process, but a vital one. This is horrible, and I can only apologise for it. Because health workers are desperate to know if they have the virus, so they can be, if they can, where they belong, treating patients on the front line.