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From Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Chair

Professor Sir Patrick Vallance and Professor Chris Whitty
Chairs, Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies
(by e-mail)

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Dear Sir Patrick and Professor Whitty,

SAGE: publications

Thank you for the work that you and the scientific and medical communities, among others, have been doing to support the UK's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) is an important body during the current pandemic.

As you will know from my letter of 30 March, the Committee is of the view that transparency, including relating to SAGE, is key. The SAGE website for this pandemic states "This page will be updated on a regular basis with the latest available evidence provided to SAGE". However, despite this statement the published evidence informing SAGE does not appear to have been updated for a month (20 March 2020). I would be grateful if you could let the Committee know:

- Why no further evidence has been published on the SAGE website since 20 March; and
- When we can expect further evidence informing SAGE to be published—I note that Sir Patrick's letter to me of 4 April stated that the Committee would be informed "in advance when new evidence is due to be published".

Given that Professor Whitty is appearing before the Committee this Friday (24 April), I would be grateful for your response by the evening of Thursday 23 April. I will place my letter and your response on my Committee's website in due course.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Chair