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Dear Mr Jatinder Singh,

Sir Simon Stevens has asked me to respond to your letter dated 3 April. Please accept my apologies for the delay in response.

We concur with the advice you have been given on Powdered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) and Controlled Air Purifying Respirators (CAPRs) as alternatives to FFP3 masks. This is in line with HSE and PHE guidance.

I also wholeheartedly agree that reasonable adjustments should be made by providers in this area. As such, in my weekly discussions with trust medical directors and chief nurses from NHS trusts I will state this clearly as a reminder.

Yours sincerely,

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