Dear PEI CEO/DG

It will come as no surprise that the NHS and other care providers across the world are suffering under the pressure of the COVID-19 outbreak and those at home who are elderly, vulnerable or ill also have difficulties.

As institutions we have access to some of the best engineering minds in the world, some of whom are at home with time on their hands. We are suggesting that they could supply some of their spare time to a co-ordinated provision of engineers focused on solving the problems deriving from the Covid-19 outbreak. Clearly the ventilator shortage is foremost in everyone’s minds but there are other issues too, many of which can be solved by the collective thoughts of engineers across the UK.

But, unless our engineers know of the issue no solution can be forthcoming.

We, the IED, therefore intend to lead a project that enables all of our engineers to collaborate on problems sent directly from the NHS or from other care providers across the globe. This could be something as simple as a device to enable a frail person to accept a food parcel, or as complex as a mass-produced ventilator.

We would hope that your institution would be willing to participate and would follow this with an administrative approach enabling your members to volunteer.

I look forward to your reply.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer