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LI17	The process and timelines for providing and best presenting data on which responders will make strategic decisions during an influenza pandemic should be clarified	Cross-Government and sector specific emergency preparedness responsibilities as defined by the Civil Contingencies Act 2004	CCS/DHSC/MHCLG	Ongoing	<p>The process and timeline for sharing information with responders can vary between incidents and pandemics. Work has been done to improve this generally e.g. improvements to Resilience Direct, and engagement with CNI through the lead Government departments.</p> <p>Where scientific advice is required to support response to a crisis, including in the case of any future influenza pandemic, the Civil Contingencies Secretariat works closely with the Government Office for Science to ensure there is a single source of scientific advice (through SAGE - the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies).</p> <p>MHCLG's Government Liaison Officers (GLO) act as a two-way conduit for information between National and local level. These roles have been enhanced by Senior Civil Servants (super GLOs) for the COVID-19 response. MHCLG also established an engagement programme including regular LRF Chairs' Calls.</p> <p>Information sharing in any future influenza pandemic or other, longer-term incidents will be informed by lessons from the COVID-19 response.</p>
LI18	A methodology for assessing social care capacity and surge capacity during a pandemic should be developed. This work should be conducted by DCLG, DH and Directors of Adult Social services (DASS) and with colleagues in the devolved administrations	Workstream 2 (community care)	DHSC	Year 1- Complete	<p>This was identified as a two-year programme of work by the PFRB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 – develop policy options for social care and community health care surge; then Year 2 – Agree reporting routes for Adult Social Care to during a pandemic, and, review and update / publish guidance for the sector. <p>A policy paper on social care surge has been completed and reviewed by the previous CMO.</p> <p>On community care during a pandemic, a draft strategy has been developed. Prior to this workstream being paused, and staff being redeployed to EU exit preparedness work, this had been shared with devolved administrations and Royal Colleges for their comment (February 2019)</p> <p>Work to develop robust data and operational relationships with the social care sector did continue through EU exit preparedness work despite the pause in the PFRB programme.</p>
LI19	The possibility of expanding social care real-estate and staffing capacity in the			Year 2 -Paused	<p>Plans to issue guidance to the Adult Social Care sector are linked to a wider refresh of the guidance and strategy documentation for a future influenza pandemic.</p>