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Thanks David. I'm not sure the Cabinet Office shared such a positive view of the discussion and I have a couple of reservations too. These centre around our contribution to the process and the levels of engagement we will have in the coming months.

You mention the discussion on the UK review programme. This was actually a request by the Cabinet Office and DH for us to provide some practical input and support to the development of the guidance. You are right that there was a consensus on the required products and certainly the need to update the 2011 and 2013 documents. But, while the pressures were 'noted', the approach whereby Welsh Government simply waits until DH produces guidance which is then revised for Wales, was putting considerable pressure on DH to get the products completed in the first place.

Given that this is a UK review, they asked specifically for some resources to help in that task which seems a reasonable request. In view of the total emergency planning capacity across the NHS Wales, I would expect us to be more cooperative than we currently are. The pace of development of the review and guidance is therefore at risk, so this needs to be exposed to ministers along with the resource issues. We cannot rule out ministerial correspondence on this and I would not like to expose the Health Cabinet Secretary. Similarly, Welsh input to a UK communications plan will be critical.

So, in the note I think you need to be frank about the resource discussion (which wasn't comfortable) and set out what our approach might be - along with the risks to the programme.

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