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**Subject:** RE: CSA Network

Rob

We won't be moving away from SAGE – I will bring a paper next week to propose science advice mechanisms going forward. It will be crucial to keep us all joined up as you say

Patrick

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Thanks Patrick, I will consult with Peter and the DA CSAs.

I've heard from colleagues that with SAGE moving away from COVID-19 as it enters more of a 'chronic phase' there will be a greater responsibility shifted to Departmental CSAs; and of course the JBC. I am very keen to remain sighted on UK CSA discussion to support our work in Wales in providing advice to decision makers.

You may be aware that concerns about the establishment and operation of the JBC have been raised by the DAs. I sincerely hope that as the switch from SAGE to JBC and CSAs is made we do not lose the connectedness that SAGE has provided for the scientific community across the UK. I am sure these problems will be resolved over time, however given the sensitive period that we are in right now we will need to remain vigilant and connected.

Kind regards

Rob

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Dear Rob

The way it works is that we have one CSA representing each of the DAs. Can you work with Peter to see how you want to handle this. It might be worth speaking to S [Name Redacted] in from Scotland to see how she handles it in relation to their health CSA.

Best wishes

Patrick

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Dear Patrick, the CSA network has been mentioned a few times of late. I know that Peter Halligan is a member from our Office of Science. Is membership of the group limited to one per Department? I only ask because Peter and I work in different parts of Welsh Government and I'm not sighted on these discussions.

Best wishes  
Rob

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