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Subject: FW: Pandemic Influenza Programme Board - Friday 2 November - Agenda and Papers

Tina

Unfortunately due to an unexpected incident which CCS is now heavily engaged in (and with a COBR meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning), we will be unable to attend the Pandemic Influenza Programme Board. I have however set out below some points that we would like to raise under each of the agenda items. Sorry that we are unable to attend at short notice as this is an issue we of course continue to have very high interest in.

Progress Report

- **Pandemic Flu Implementation Group (PFIG)** – in addition to the update provided in the paper, at its last meeting PFIG also discussed the future monitoring of pandemic flu preparedness and agreed that the Infectious Disease capability workstream of the CCS co-ordinated National Resilience Capability Programme (NRCP) would be a suitable system for continuing to monitor capability in the absence of PFIG. The NRCP Board agreed to this last month. A first assessment of capability in this area will be carried out over the coming months and DH will need to liaise closely with CCS on this. PFIG also agreed that a 6-monthly newsletter regarding pandemic preparedness should be issued by DH and Cabinet Office. The first edition is due to be published next month.
- **Risk register** – a large proportion of the risks are rated as 'red', as we understand they have been for the past few meetings. Given that pandemic flu remains the number one risk in the National Risk Assessment, it is important that attention continues to be given to addressing these risks. As CCS suggested at the last meeting of this Board, perhaps a dedicated session on mitigating these risks is required.

Pandemic Flu Transition to the new Structures

- It is good to see the developing detail on transition arrangements. As recognised, it will be important to ensure that coordination of work is maintained as work moves to different organisations, with clear governance structures and clear processes for assuring plans and processes.
- A further point on assurance – if CCGs are likely to be contracted by LATs to carry out aspects of planning and coordination, it will be important that clear assurance processes are in place.

Pandemic Flu Tier One Exercise

- As the paper states, we have been working with DH to consider the timing of the exercise to ensure that it is able to achieve its objectives. This has been challenging given the wider

exercising programme, but have agreed to holding the exercise in the period May-September 2014 – consideration for the Commonwealth Games may be needed given Scotland's involvement.

- We will work with DH over the coming months to further work through the scope and detail.

Any other business

- **International pandemic preparedness** – we have agreed to work with the DH pandemic flu team to take forward the agreement at the latest DH chaired Health Is Global Steering Group meeting - that pandemic preparedness would form one of the three key areas of interest. Maintenance by DH of a leading role in engaging in international pandemic preparedness activity, and coordinating HMG interest in this area, remains important and should not be dropped in the transition.
- **Oliver Letwin review of critical sectors** – Oliver Letwin, Minister for Government Policy, has launched a review of the resilience of all critical sectors in the UK. This will include a review of sectors including health, energy, finance, transport etc. but the review will also cover preparedness for a number of key risks, including pandemic preparedness. The DH EPRR team are aware that this work is commencing, and CCS will be working with various policy areas over the coming months as this work progresses. Oliver Letwin intends to hold individual meetings with Ministers with responsibility for each of these areas. There will be a meeting on pandemic influenza preparedness, but given the scale of the likely impacts of an influenza pandemic, it will be discussed with Ministers responsible for each sector, to ensure that plans are in place. We will keep DH informed of the outcomes of these sectoral meetings, which will provide a useful sense of the level of preparedness outside of the health sector.

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Dear all

Please find attached the agenda and papers for the Pandemic Influenza Programme Board taking place on Friday 2 November.

(See attached file: 0.1 Agenda PIPP Board 2 Nov 2012 FINAL.doc) (See attached file: 0.2 Minutes of last meeting (PIPP BOARD 19 March) DRAFT.doc) (See attached file: 0.3 Progress Report (March -Nov 2012).doc) (See attached file: 0.3a PIPP Programme Overview PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc)

(See attached file: 0.3b PIPP Risk Register PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.xls) (See attached file: 0.4a Transition Issues Register PIPP Board 2 Nov 2012.doc) (See attached file: 0.4b Pan Flu Transition Workshop slide pack FINAL.ppt) (See attached file: 0.4b Pandemic Flu in new structure PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc) (See attached file: 0.5a Pre Pandemic Vaccine paper FINAL PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc)(See attached file: 0.5b Facemask and respirator shelf life extension FINAL PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc)

(See attached file: 0.6a NPFS Re-Procurement FINAL PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc)(See attached file: 0.6b NPFS Re-Procurement FINAL PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc) (See attached file: 0.7 Surveillance Update PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc) (See attached file: 0.8a Tier One Exercise Board Paper DRAFT v2.doc) (See attached file: 0.8b Annex 2 Hine Review PIPP Board 02 Nov 2012.doc)

We have also attached the Surveillance Evaluation Reports, relating to Agenda Item 7. Please be aware that the reports are lengthy documents if you decide to print them out.

(See attached file: USISS mandatory end-of-season evaluation report - FINAL.pdf)(See attached file: Evaluation Report USISS Sentinel_FINAL.pdf)(See attached file: CIS Evaluation 2011_12 FINAL.pdf)

(See attached file: Sero-Epi Final Evaluation 2011_12_Final.pdf)