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Subject: RE: PANDEMIC INFLUENZA UK REVIEW

Signal that we have reached a compromise; There is considerable work remaining and we need to deepen liaison with LRF mechanism but I am assured that we have good engagement with DH on this

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Just checking that you'll flag this with Frank today pls.

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Frank is on leave today – back tomorrow.

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Frank

Are you able to confirm you are content with this please?

Thanks

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Given regs comments on Friday and David misjudging his response in my view can you just ensure frank reflects and is happy - I will need to see reg at some point. A

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Subject: FW: PANDEMIC INFLUENZA UK REVIEW

Andrew/Frank

I am on leave after lunch today but thought that I would try and provide information to inform any discussion of our involvement in the UK Pandemic.

1. We are represented on the UK Review Board and all its sub groups and also have health representation on NERVTAG, the scientific group reviewing the pandemic flu planning assumptions
2. A key part of the UK Review is development of a Pandemic Flu Bill that is ready to go in the event of a pandemic. We have policy leads engaged in the various potential asks and also legal support - see attached update paper
3. On NHS and Social Care we have submitted PIDS (forwarded previously) for reviewing how we would respond to a surge in these areas, which are also attached and will be working through the work programmes of these and involving NHS and social service colleagues
4. We will be organising a pandemic preparedness review workshop towards the end of the year to further engage NHS and multi-agency colleagues
5. I have followed up our meeting with Cabinet office/DH proposing an approach to co-production in reviewing the 2013 LRF Guidance and also asked is there anything else in respect of the UK Review, WG needs to do above what we are already doing
6. I have also attached a Wales position on pandemic preparedness generally ie what has been done and what needs to be done is also set out in the other attached paper

The attached papers are my working documents but thought it may help to show the extent of our engagement and the process that we are following

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David – we need to respond to Reg’s advice and his reflections. I do want the views discussed to be conveyed if they were raised as there are choices to make here, none of which have yet sought my opinion. Can we pick up next week please within group – Frank can you reflect with David on these

issues also please - although DH have teams of individuals to do this compared with limited pairs of hand from a HSSG perspective – however we have an advantage of a broader NHS network of emergency planners so I think we need to broaden our sense of team. I suggest we now cover off a way forward with me involved please rather than personal views thanks. My own sense is that CS would wish to be ensuring Wales is properly plugged into UK contributions on such issues – - we should also feel that Wales has something to offer here - if this raises issue of resource, then we can take a view on that including the broader NHS experience.

Andrew

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It is not necessarily a matter of agreement or otherwise.

There was a discussion in the terms I explained below and it should properly be reflected in any report to the Cabinet Secretary along with the risks. As drafted, the note is partial and overly positive and I cannot sign up to it.

As to whether you agree on the way the Government should work with other departments on a pretty important common endeavour is a matter for you and the health department to determine. Reputationally, it doesn't feel like we are in a strong position.

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I don't agree

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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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Good summary
Thanks, David

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Importance: High

Both

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services has asked me for feedback following the meeting we had with the Joint Chairs (Cabinet Office and DH) of the ongoing UK Pandemic Preparedness Review. I thought to provide the following points but happy to take any amendment or add anything, please let me know

An early response would be appreciated as I am taking some leave shortly

Thanks

David

To Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Services

You ask for feedback following the visit of the UK Joint Pandemic Review Chairs (Katherine Hammond , CCS Director CCS and Emma Reed DH Director), who with their officials, met with Frank Atherton, Reg Kilpatrick, **NR** and myself to discuss our engagement in the UK Review of pandemic Preparedness.

The meeting was very positive and covered a number of areas relevant to the pandemic risk and UK/Wales preparedness. The key points were:

- An influenza pandemic remains a top risk. The New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group (NEVTAG) has stated that H7N9 (China) is currently the strain with the most pandemic potential. It is a disease in poultry with very limited human to human transmission and is being closely monitored;
- There was a discussion on the UK review programme and an acknowledgement that Welsh Government officials are engaged in the working groups and has its own WG pandemic flu group to co-ordinate outcomes from the UK review activities;
- Work to address a surge in NHS and social care was identified as being especially challenging and requiring possible changes in working /treatment practices. It was noted that a UK Moral and Ethics Group is being established to consider some of the issues;
- Some aspects of the pandemic planning assumptions are set to change arising from the increase in population (resulting in more excess deaths and illnesses); increases in absenteeism (through illness and caring commitments) and possibly a planning assumption to focus on mental health planning for a pandemic;
- There was consensus on the strategic products to be refreshed, particularly the 2011 UK Pandemic Flu Strategy (previously signed off by 4 countries Health Ministers) and the Cabinet Office 2013 LRF Pandemic Flu Guidance. It was noted that there are resource issues in achieving a refresh of the latter 2013 Guidance and a co-production approach will be considered working with Welsh Government officials;
- Progress with having a Draft Parliamentary Bill in place for passing at the time of a pandemic was discussed. It was noted that the timescales associated with the Bill's passage at the time of a pandemic is likely to require speeding up of legislative processes , including passing of any Legislative Consent Motions;
- The importance of a broader UK pandemic communications strategy was identified as work to be take forward to underpin the UK Health Communications strategy that is currently being finalised. Cabinet Office will be sharing a project initiation document to kick of this broader communications work;
- Finally the implications of a pandemic on business continuity and sector resilience was seen as a key area that would benefit from greater profile and further consideration would be given to this.

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Grateful to see the update in draft please David.

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Thanks David,

The Cabinet Secretary has noted and commented:

“Is there an update following the joint chairs visit?”

Grateful if you could respond to the Cabinet Secretary’s query please?

Regards,

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SENSITIVE – For Information

UK Pandemic Influenza Review

Further to my previous update, I attach below , for your information, a copy of the letter sent to Members of the National Security Council by the Secretary of State for Health and Minister for the Cabinet Office updating Council members on progress with the UK review of pandemic preparedness.

The letter sets out progress in pandemic preparedness over the last 12 months and key actions to take forward work over the next 12 months. Welsh Government officials are appropriately engaged in the various work streams that underpin the Review. The joint chairs of the Review Board are also

visiting each Devolved Administration to discuss progress and we will be hosting their visit at the end of this week.

In relation to the Pandemic Flu Bill, we have made progress in identifying the devolved asks and have raised with the UK some issues and registered our interest in reserved areas. I anticipate that, in due course, there will be a need to submit an MA seeking Ministerial agreement to devolved asks that require a Legislative Consent Motion and how that may best be sought at the time of a pandemic.

There is a range of other activities that also need to be progressed, as part of the Review, including further considering the implications on health and social care of a worst reasonable foreseeable pandemic and providing any additional national guidance and support to the operational planning. I also expect that an outcome of the Review will be a revision of the 2011 UK Pandemic Strategy that was previously agreed by Ministers from all four nations.

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OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

Cabinet Secretary For Information

I wanted to further update you on the Pandemic Influenza UK Review and in particular specific work to establish a Pandemic Flu Bill that would be readily available to pass into legislation in the event of a pandemic. The need for a Bill was a recommendation following the UK Pandemic Flu Exercise Cygnus.

Since summer 2017, there has been active engagement across the four nations to prepare a single UK wide draft Bill building on the four nation approach set out in the UK Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Strategy (2011). Last month, a four nations workshop was held to establish a timetable to complete the draft Bill with the intention for the Bill to be held internally and providing a menu of options to be brought forward, if required, to support a four nation response to a severe pandemic.

The UK Government is working towards an end of April 2018 deadline to substantially complete its drafting of UK Government clauses and relevant supporting documentation and this information is being shared with us and is being used to inform the Devolved Administration's work. The aim is to have all the work completed by summer 2018. The work for us is to have appropriate Ministerial agreement and:

- * confirm proposed legislative flexibilities identified by UK Departments pose no concern to us(i.e. policy consensus);
- * identify whether legislation is necessary to achieve agreed legislative flexibilities for devolved issues;
- * draft clauses for any additional legislative asks not covered by the core draft legislation prepared by UK Government on the basis of reserved competence;
- * identify a process for taking Bill through Devolved Legislature at express timetable in a pandemic situation;
- * input into supporting documentation e.g. explanatory notes and legal issues memorandum.

Welsh Government policy colleagues have been identified to provide an appropriate input into various clauses of the Bill and there appears to be very few areas that will fall entirely to devolved competence. These may, but not confirmed, may include hospital discharges, mental health care and perhaps health protection measures as well as school closures and use of fire personnel. There are also non devolved areas that we have an interest in such as emergency registration of health care workers (nurses, midwives, paramedics etc) and the approach being taken is to have an interest in all areas that the Bill will cover.

There is Welsh Government legal support, through **Name Redacted** and I am advised that for the UK Bill to work in a pandemic situation, the intention would be to table a Legislative Consent Motion at the time with ideally all the preparatory work being done beforehand.

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Subject: PANDEMIC INFLUENZA UK REVIEW

Cabinet Secretary – For information

The National Security Council (Threats, Hazards, Resilience and Contingencies), chaired by the Prime Minister has asked for a Review of the UK Pandemic Influenza preparedness to be undertaken. The Review follows on from the UK Pandemic Influenza Exercise Cygnus held in October 2016, which you participated in, and against the background of an influenza pandemic remaining our top national risk. The Review is also timely given that the current UK Pandemic Influenza Strategy (signed off by the 4 UK Health Ministers) was agreed back in 2011.

This is to let you know that Welsh Government officials are involved in the UK Review and are represented on the UK Pandemic Influenza Readiness Board (PFRB) that is being jointly chaired by senior officials from the Cabinet Office and DH. The link above is to a paper, to be discussed at the next Board meeting, which provides a brief outline as to how we are engaging in the Review.

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