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I think it's a real shame and we should ask DHSC to ask him to stay on SPI-M.

Do we get to make a suggestion to replace him on Sage?

People who say excellent things in SPI-M

[REDACTED] Name Redacted

I think it needs to be someone doing active COVID modelling which is why I haven't said [REDACTED] NR – maybe that is wrong.

Angela

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**From:** Graham Medley <Graham.Medley@[REDACTED] Name >  
**Sent:** 05 May 2020 21:42  
**To:** Allen, Paul <Paul.Allen@dhsc.gov.uk>; McLean, Angela SCS (CSA-Personal) <Angela.Mclean113@mod.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Neil Ferguson

Dear Paul and Angela

You will have heard perhaps that Neil Ferguson has resigned from SAGE [REDACTED] Irrelevant & Sensitive I have no official confirmation - just the media, but it seems to be true.

I am quite keen to keep him on SPI-M. He is a modelling expert and I don't want to lose expertise. My preliminary view is that regardless he is an expert and leads an expert group and his input into forming the SPI-M consensus is greatly valued. However, his presence might damage the science and SPI-M. There is a reputational risk.

Regardless of the decision we definitely need Imperial modelling represented (NIHR investment) so we would have to find a way to do this.

It is DHSC decision but happy to discuss or let me know what is happening.

Best wishes

Graham

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