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From: John Edmunds [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Sent: 12/03/2020 10:37:43 PM
To: Jeremy Farrar [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Subject: Re: UKG and COVID
Attachments: Managing peak incidence 1[1].docx

Here is something deemed not acceptable to be seen by SAGE tomorrow.

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From: Jeremy Farrar [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 22:19
To: Neil Ferguson [Irrelevant & Sensitive], John Edmunds [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Subject: Re: UKG and COVID

- We had a 'suspected' case at work, admitted hospital Tuesday night and no diagnosis yet
- Friend head of ITU in Bath – his results (cough, sore throat, temp) waiting now 72 hours and no result – self isolating but cannot run the ITU as a result
- UK now out on a limb compared with whole of EU. High risk approach
- Meeting at Wellcome this week – you were at Neil – all seemed a bit relaxed to me
- Agree re CW
- Starting to feel uncomfortable being on SAGE
- Will attend tomorrow and see how it goes and speak with PV afterwards in private
- The non-modelling groups at SAGE need really pushing, all a bit “ah, yes, we’; draft a paper for next week.....” no sense of urgency
- CW and PV are very very exposed and science is – No10 has put the science advise front and centre – if this goes badly science will suffer

From: Neil Ferguson OBE FMedSci [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 22:10
To: Jeremy Farrar [Irrelevant & Sensitive], "john.edmunds" [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Subject: Re: UKG and COVID

Sure. In person beforehand, or via Skype?

I think the PM & Health Sec are now more aware of what's coming. But there is a lack of urgency in some quarters - and I think Chris still has a residual feeling that “it can't possibly turn out as bad as the modellers are saying”.

I think we might push for rapid contingency planning for potential escalation of social distancing- likely cessation of all out of home leisure activity, working from home where possible, school closure.

Oh and surveillance is a mess. So we don't really know what is happening.

Best,

Neil

From: Jeremy Farrar <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:55:01 PM
To: John Edmunds <[Redacted]>; Ferguson, Neil M <[Redacted]>
Subject: Re: UKG and COVID

Can we speak before SAGE

From: "john.edmunds@[Redacted]" <[Redacted]>
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 21:25
To: Jeremy Farrar <[Redacted]>, Neil Ferguson OBE FMedSci <[Redacted]>
Subject: Re: UKG and COVID

NO I AM NOT.

From: Jeremy Farrar <[Redacted]>
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 21:05
To: John Edmunds <[Redacted]>, Neil Ferguson <[Redacted]>
Subject: UKG and COVID

Are you both comfortable with the plans UKG have not in place, the pace of actions and the changes they are making?

Good if we could talk again before SAGE.

Jeremy

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