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There are clearly many great people in
SAGE/government science network but the more of
the smartest people we can get looking the better...
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On Sat, 14 Mar 2020 at 12:16, Timothy Gowers

Irrelevant & Sensitive wrote:

Dear Dominic,

I'm ready to help if I can, but I'm ahead of the curve as far as social-distancing measures are concerned, so would very much prefer the end-of-phone option to the appearing-in-person option. (I think and hope that this will soon be standard anyway.)

Incidentally, while my initial reaction was to think that the current UK policy was sensible, I have changed my mind, and I now think that we should move urgently to extreme containment measures. Because of the urgency, and because I think I can express myself better in writing than in conversation, I have dashed off a few pages setting out why I have come to this conclusion. I am happy for you to share them with anyone you want. The arguments are likely to be familiar, but perhaps it helps to have them set out the way I have done it. If they are wrong (which is possible), I would like to know what I'm missing. Also, if there are parts of the document that you find unclear, please let me know and I'll rewrite them.

When you say that we have two weeks to make decisions, my own view (as I explain in the document) is that some major decisions should be made straight away — a two-week delay just multiplies the adverse consequences by a factor of 10-ish.

Because I've written the attached file quickly, I may at some point send an updated/improved version.

Best wishes,

Tim

> On 14 Mar 2020, at 01:22, Dominic Cummings

Personal Data wrote:

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> tim
> sorry not been in touch but since i saw you ive
been swamped by corona.
> would you help us?
> the problem is extreme and there are some
extreme government problems not suitable for
discussion on email.