

Subject:[COMMISSION] - DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED GROUPS (FOCUS ON DISABLED PEOPLE) - 27th Nov

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To Emran and Helen,

Please find below a formal commission for you to work across government, and together with HMT, DWP and the Director of Government Equalities Hub to produce a paper on disproportionate impacts from COVID-19 on disabled people for a COVID-O Committee meeting provisionally scheduled for **Friday 27th November**.

Please place a hold in your calendar in advance of a formal calling notice being issued.

Private Offices to note: we have copied you into this commission for awareness, but Emran will commission colleagues in departments separately in his capacity as Cross-Government COVID-19 SRO on Disproportionately Impacted Groups, so no specific action needed from you at this stage.

Context

At the 29 October meeting of COVID-O, the committee agreed to an ambitious package of measures to prevent transmission to and within groups that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, focusing in particular on ethnic minority communities. The Prime Minister and CDL also asked departments, in slower time, for a more ambitious package that can prevent disproportionate impacts from COVID-19 for people with disabilities.

Purpose

The aim of this paper is for ministers to **agree a package of proposals for policies or interventions to mitigate COVID-19's disproportionate impact among disabled people, including those with learning disabilities**. Specifically, ministers will be asked to:

- I. **consider** the information from the available data setting out how and when disabled people have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19;
- II. **agree** recommendations to counter the impact of COVID-19 on disabled people, in the context of the continuing second wave; and
- III. **agree** the total quantum of funding for this package of interventions at committee, including where funding should come from.

Given the Prime Minister's specific steer, it is critical that all Departments feeding in ensure that recommendations and proposals sufficiently meet the scale of this ambition.