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Subject: RE: Draft SAGE readout

Hi [Name Redacted]

This is great, thanks. Very happy for it to be circulated (I had just three minor amends below, in red).

Vanessa

From: [Name Redacted]@hmtreasury.gov.uk
Sent: 07 April 2020 20:12
To: MacDougall, Vanessa - HMT <Vanessa.MacDougall@hmtreasury.gov.uk>
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Hi Vanessa,

Readout from today's SGAE below – apologies for length! Have reordered the agenda items to put Excess deaths and Exit statgey towards the top as that's what most will be interested in.

Let me know what you think.

[Name Redacted]

Intro & Sitrep

- Vallance started the meeting by highlighting he had seen several reports in media of SAGE members commenting on the science behind the government's approach. He highlighted that this wasn't helpful, and said that no one should be speaking to the media.
- **The main message from the strep is that there is no evidence of acceleration in the data – but too early to say the curve is flattening.** The doubling-time on ICU bed occupation is lengthening – especially in London (8.8 days, compared to England 6.5 days). Still headroom on ICU beds.
- The number of deaths being reported are currently above the RWCS, but hospital admissions and ICU bed occupancy are below. Do not think they need to change the RWCS, and expect the discrepancy in number of deaths is due to data reporting.
- Discussion about improving the Nowcast pack, as several people expressed concerns about current version not being reliable.
- **Action: Issues with Nowcast pack – SPI-M to take action to resolve.**
- **Action: Put the sit-rep figures together with the Nowcast to get an overview of where we are.**

Excess Deaths

Ian Diamond said paper should be ready Wednesday to be circulated to SAGE – to be discussed Thursday. Looks at the impact of reprioritising NHS operations, as well as health impacts of both short- and long-term recessions.

- Vallance asked for more regional information to be added.
- Whitty wanted to include more specific health impacts of NPIs – e.g. where these could have disproportionate effects on some groups.