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Subject: RE: Data availability to SPI-M

I have a call with Marc Warner at no10 this morning at 7.45 and raised this yesterday with SPADS at no 10.

From: Graham Medley <Graham.Medley@I&S>
Sent: 30 March 2020 16:39
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Angela - thank you. I think that the lack of data from devolved administrations should also be highlighted. Graham

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On 30 Mar 2020, at 16:00, McLean, Angela SCS (CSA-Personal) <Angela.Mclean113@mod.gov.uk> wrote:

Patrick,

Can this go to the PM with an explanation that the only data we can rely on at the moment is deaths – which lag the central event (infection) by 2-4 weeks. Then he can send it back down again.

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From: Graham Medley <Graham.Medley@I&S>
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Dear Patrick & Angela

It is two weeks since the question of data availability was first raised as a priority. Initially PHE was asked to resolve this by JVT and there were improvements. We have also gained access to NHS SITREP data but via an ad hoc route and in a very unfriendly format. We were told that NHSx would be providing a solution, but despite several reassuring emails nothing has been produced. Please find attached a "situation report" regarding the epidemiological data available to SPI-M.

It is very disappointing that at this stage we don't have immediate access to a consolidated data platform which provides the information that we need to improve the modelling to support policy advice. There is clearly a problem somewhere in implementation. I have sent many emails to people who promise but don't deliver, and I know that you are both keen to see it done - but it gets lost somewhere in between. I am not familiar enough with the health data landscape in the UK to know who should be doing this, but somebody has to.

A key political issue is that we still have no real-time data from outside England.

Kind regards

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