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I think this is a pretty top win

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Name Redacted and team,

Many thanks for all the work. The Cx in particular wanted thanks you, econ team, health team and COVID team for all the work. The briefs / info meant that cx was well armed to challenge/scrutinise the proposal and had a level of detail beyond the rest of the room which allowed us to make and land our points.....with a great result.

An outline of the wider discussion is below, but afterwards there was a smaller PM/Cx huddle and the upshot is:

- No final decision has been taken on the NPIs

- However the PM steer is that he is not minded to agree to the CO proposal. Instead his preference is either do nothing or close pubs only (in the designated regions).
- The PM also agreed to the financial support package (but **NR/ NR** will pick up separately with policy teams)
- The plan is to announce financial support tomorrow and then the NPIs on Monday (alongside regs).
- On NPIs the plan is to engage LAs and draft regs over the weekend.

Clearly there is a high risk that this unwinds/is unpicked over Friday/Weekend. However as it stands at 21.19 on Thursday you guys have just saved 420k jobs. Not a bad day's work!

Thanks everyone.

Elizabeth

COVID/NHS discussion

- Patrick/Chris kicked off with data. Explaining how the numbers are breaching the reasonable worst case scenario.
- Simon S then followed up with the discussion on NHS. He said that in 2-3 weeks we could see elective pushed out. But NHS didn't seem to be making the case that NHS about to fall over / capacity is going to be tapped out. But clear once again that NHS do not want to use Nightingales.
- Simon R presented NPI package
 - Aim is to reduce R
 - If do nothing risk exponential....but if go all the way then risk killing economy
 - So pitched this as middle way.
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- Some of the points made as part of the discussion were:
 - We got into a long discussion on the TTT data around settings – but ultimately everyone seemed to agree that the data is flawed/ inconclusive (thanks Sarah – great prebrief!).
 - Albeit on data Simon also presented it as: if PM is prioritising education / work etc, then this only leaves hospitality and need PC/leisure to make impact.
 - Cx/Cab Sec were pushing for increase presence of marshals.
 - Talked about sunset clause so default is to come out of lockdown. Cx made points about this not being realistic.
- PM summed up. He noted the push for “short sharp shot” but said that data on sectors is inconclusive. Also realistically this is going to go on for months. Ultimately his preference is to have something simple, de-politicised, at local level (i.e. tiering).

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