

Message

From: John Edmunds [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Sent: 19/09/2020 14:23:30
To: Vallance, Patrick (GO-Science) [P.Vallance1@go-science.gov.uk]
Subject: Re: Meeting with the Prime Minister - Sunday 20 September [OFFICIAL]

OK, I will put a short note together, and make sure it has my name and affiliation on it, and nothing to do with SAGE.

J

From: "Vallance, Patrick (GO-Science)" <P.Vallance1@go-science.gov.uk>
Date: Saturday, 19 September 2020 at 11:16
To: John Edmunds [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Subject: Re: Meeting with the Prime Minister - Sunday 20 September [OFFICIAL]

John

The meeting is for him to hear a range of views on the forward look (mainly from the "let it rip" brigade). We have tried to put together a balanced group across views and so I think what he needs is your view on future direction of the epidemic rather than policy options. So I think a personal view is right for this. Happy to discuss if easier

Patrick

From: John Edmunds [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2020 8:04:42 AM
To: Vallance, Patrick (GO-Science) <P.Vallance1@go-science.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Meeting with the Prime Minister - Sunday 20 September [OFFICIAL]

Dear Patrick,

As you can see from the letter below, I have been invited to attend the meeting you are having with the PM on Sunday. They are asking for a 1 pager by this evening. Our deadline for the main SAGE paper was to be tomorrow, as we are still incorporating comments (mainly from SPI-B). We might be able to bring this forward. However, I am not sure that this is really what the PM wants.

I am happy to distil things down to a 1 pager, but obviously would like to co-ordinate this with you and the secretariat. In which case it would be a SAGE document.

Or, should this be a personal view from me?

Thanks,

John

From: Julian Fletcher1 <julian.fletcher1@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>
Date: Friday, 18 September 2020 at 18:01
To: John Edmunds [Irrelevant & Sensitive]
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Subject: Re: Meeting with the Prime Minister - Sunday 20 September [OFFICIAL]

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Dear John,

Thank you very much for confirming your availability for this Sunday's meeting with the Prime Minister.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the one page note. Ben Warner from No.10 is also happy to speak to you in advance of the meeting if that would be helpful. He can be contacted by phone or text on **I&S**

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Best wishes,
Julian Fletcher

On Fri, 18 Sep 2020 at 17:36, **NR** via C-19 Taskforce Science and Projects <c-19taskforce.scienceprojects@cabinetoffice.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Prof John Edmunds

The Prime Minister would like to invite you to a small meeting this **Sunday (20th September) at 5.30pm**, to be held via Zoom.

In this meeting, we would like you to set out your current scientific assessment of the situation for discussion with other members of the scientific community. The meeting will discuss the following question: "Should government intervene now, and if so, how?"

Please can you confirm your availability to join this meeting as soon as possible (copied to the email addresses above) so that we can circulate the attendees to everyone joining. Zoom details will be sent approximately one hour before the discussion.

To facilitate the discussion, we would be grateful if you could send through a one page note (including any evidence or academic papers you will refer to) *ahead* of the discussion – by 5pm Saturday to c-19taskforce.scienceprojects@cabinetoffice.gov.uk. We will circulate all notes to attendees in advance of the meeting.

We very much hope you can join. You are invited to this meeting on a confidential basis, so we would ask you to refrain from public reference to this discussion.

Best regards,

Name Redacted Diary Secretary to the Prime Minister

NR

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