

[20/03/2020, 16:48:11] Mark Sedwill: Depends on duration of the Hancock Terror

[22/03/2020, 07:08:30] Chris Wormald: Distraction becoming a problem. Simon was v annoyed steve p who leads their planning was taken out for several hours yesterday by the press conference.

[22/03/2020, 07:09:09] Mark Sedwill: And Gove's manoeuvring isn't helping.

[22/03/2020, 07:10:09] Chris Wormald: Can understand why the PM is rattled, we are right on the precipice between an NHS crisis and an economic one. V v narrow strip of land to stand on.

[22/03/2020, 07:10:43] Chris Wormald: Yes - times designated survivor piece terrible. Last thing we need.

[22/03/2020, 07:10:48] Mark Sedwill: Both more likely than not.

[22/03/2020, 07:11:57] Chris Wormald: At least the civil service has all held together. No departmental fights at all. A ray of sunshine!!!

[24/03/2020, 21:59:12] Chris Wormald: Apparently we are not now doing the supply issues you and I discussed with the PM at the 9.15 (Simon ridleys email of 9.32pm not apparently copied to either you or me). We are only doing the glassborrow commission (sent to the NHS at 7pm for return by 7am). So we have (a) wasted an entire day of our commercial teams plus your valuable time for your pm meeting this afternoon on supply and our time on conversation at 7.15 on a commission that was not needed and (b) tomorrow's meeting will risk turning into a long speech by Simon on the incoherence of central govt.

This risks turning into a complete shambles.

[24/03/2020, 22:18:30] Mark Sedwill: Like our policy on work. Bloody hell. No10 are a mess. Let me find out what is going on.

[24/03/2020, 22:19:41] Chris Wormald: I've rung Martin R who is unsighted - he's ringing me back....

[24/03/2020, 22:20:22] Mark Sedwill: Ok

[24/03/2020, 22:20:47] Chris Wormald: (I don't mind them wasting my time. Wasting steve Oldfield's time is criminal!!)

[24/03/2020, 22:22:45] Mark Sedwill: What they've done to the economy today is criminal too

[24/03/2020, 22:47:17] Chris Wormald: Martin will call you to explain the shambles (not his fault, he is trying to sort out)

[25/03/2020, 05:31:51] Mark Sedwill: Thx. Stuart trying to impose some order and help have a candid exchange without rock throwers. Just a cock up. But PM v exercised over supply issues. Stories like this in Telegraph likely to come up: 'Nurses in 'near revolt' as some use bin liners to protect themselves'.

[25/03/2020, 08:29:49] Chris Wormald: Apparently the commissions dhsc and the nhs spent all yesterday working on and were then cancelled didn't come from no 10. ???

[25/03/2020, 09:50:08] Mark Sedwill: Where?

[25/03/2020, 09:51:07] Mark Sedwill: Spoke to JAM about capacity boost so Steve/Emily aren't chasing around fire fighting the next (if we're lucky) problem.

[25/03/2020, 09:53:01] Chris Wormald: Excellent. GRW already deployed on ventilators. But more the merrier.

[25/03/2020, 10:09:47] Chris Wormald: Amazing what happens when the grown ups actually get to talk.

[25/03/2020, 10:10:45] Mark Sedwill: You might have found the silver bullet. Unfortunately the grown ups also need to work.

[25/03/2020, 10:13:45] Chris Wormald: Yes - why I was so angry yesterday. Steve wasted most of yesterday answering ridiculous questions.

[25/03/2020, 10:15:08] Mark Sedwill: Quite

