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Subject: Re: Coronavirus / Italy [OFFICIAL]

Imran

Just to add - we're working at the moment on a whole sequence of decisions that would be needed in the event that we concluded a pandemic was the most likely scenario which should also be useful in exposing some of those concrete points and identifying where he want want to be involved personally. It's taken a few different approaches to get what we need but there are workshops running today and tomorrow to bring it together.

Katharine

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On 24 Feb 2020, at 19:00, Imran Shafi <IShafi@no10.gov.uk> wrote:

Thanks for this Patrick.

It'd be good to see where we get to post-SAGE tomorrow. At some point soon, I'd like to start exposing the PM to the potential decisions he might have to take in short order on this – at the moment it's been fairly abstract with him I think.

Imran

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In addition to Katherine's response:

It is reasonable to assume that an outbreak like the one detected in Italy could occur in the UK and we should plan accordingly. The effects of various interventions – school closures, avoiding large gatherings, travel restrictions, isolation of the area of a cluster outbreak etc – are being modelled but **the effects will be highly dependent on the overall stage of the epidemic** (ie has it already spread a long way, or is it, as at present low level in Europe). These modelling outputs and their effects will be discussed at SAGE on Tuesday. It is important not to implement ineffective measures that then cannot easily be undone and can have very significant consequences.

Patrick & Chris

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Apologies - I've only just seen this.

The short answer is that in a similar situation here we would be led by the scientific advice on what would be effective in halting the spread, assuming we were still in the contain or delay phases of a response. It's hard to pre-judge that for a hypothetical situation, but DHSC do now have additional powers (in England) which help.

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On 23 Feb 2020, at 23:23, Imran Shafi <IShafi@no10.gov.uk> wrote:

Copying Katharine's new address

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Hi Katharine, all

Just anticipating a question the PM may ask at 9am tomorrow – would we be doing something similar to the Italian lockdown of 10 towns if something like that happened in the UK? Would be good to discuss when it makes sense to give the PM a further update on the practical plans we have in place for the first few days after any major outbreak here.

Chris/Patrick – if at all possible, it'd also be great to get a pithy three-four sentence sense of your assessment of the weekend's developments before 9am tomorrow which we could share orally with him.

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