

INFORMATION

NEXT WEEK'S GRID

Date: 9 October 2020
Deadline: 11 October 2020

From: NR

SUMMARY

1. Below is the main government activity planned for next week. As ever, these stories may be subject to change.

2. At the start of the week, you will set out to parliament and the public a new framework for local lockdowns. This follows on from an announcement by the Chancellor, on Friday, laying out the next stage of our Winter Economic Plan: to provide extra support for businesses and jobs who may be asked to close over the coming weeks and months. The weekend will see local leaders engaged on our next steps to tackle the virus. Following this, there will be a regular drumbeat of announcements displaying support the government is providing for COVID as we head into the winter.

BACKGROUND

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

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5. **Deputy CMO op-ed.** Jonathan Van-Tam will write an op-ed for the Sunday Times to set out clearly the latest data and to highlight to the public that there is a serious rise in cases and hospitalisations. He will make clear the importance that the public adhere to the guidance to stop the spread of the virus.

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- 8. Sunday media.** Robert Jenrick will appear on the Marr Show, Sophy Ridge and Times Radio.

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER

- 9. Coronavirus update.** You will hold meetings of COBR and/or Cabinet, before announcing a new framework for local lockdowns in the House of Commons. You will hold a press conference in Downing Street later in the day.

- 10. Culture recovery fund grants.** Oliver Dowden will announce which organisations will receive a share of £373 million from the Cultural Recovery Fund. This fund is to enable cultural organisations, that have been affected by the pandemic, to stay afloat providing them with support over a six-month period to ensure that by 31 March 2021 they can reopen, either fully or partially, or operate on a sustainable, cost-efficient basis until they are able to reopen at a later date. Over 1,000 arts organisations across England will benefit. DCMS will push the constituency breakdown with MPs so that they can communicate the support that cultural organisations in their patches have received.

- 11. Exams 2021.** The Education Secretary will confirm that GCSE and A level exams will be delayed by three weeks to give more time for students and teachers to prepare. He will make clear that we want exams to go ahead, as they are the fairest and most accurate way to measure a pupil's attainment.

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TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

14. Rough sleeping funding. Robert Jenrick will announce a £10 million Cold Weather Fund for local authorities and a £2 million Transformation Fund for faith and community groups, to help bring forwards self-contained and Covid-secure accommodation this winter to support rough sleepers, or help people move out of homelessness. The £10 million will be allocated to councils from October until March 2021.

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22. International treatment collaborations. Lord Bethell will announce the UK has been invited to join two international collaborations to fast-track cutting-edge treatments to patients. Project Orbis is co-ordinated by the US Food and Drug Administration; ACSS Consortium brings together regulators from Australia, Canada and Singapore to reduce regulatory duplication. Pharmaceutical companies that submit applications to some or all of the Access countries will benefit from having their products evaluated for marketing in each respective country simultaneously and potentially with reduced evaluation times.

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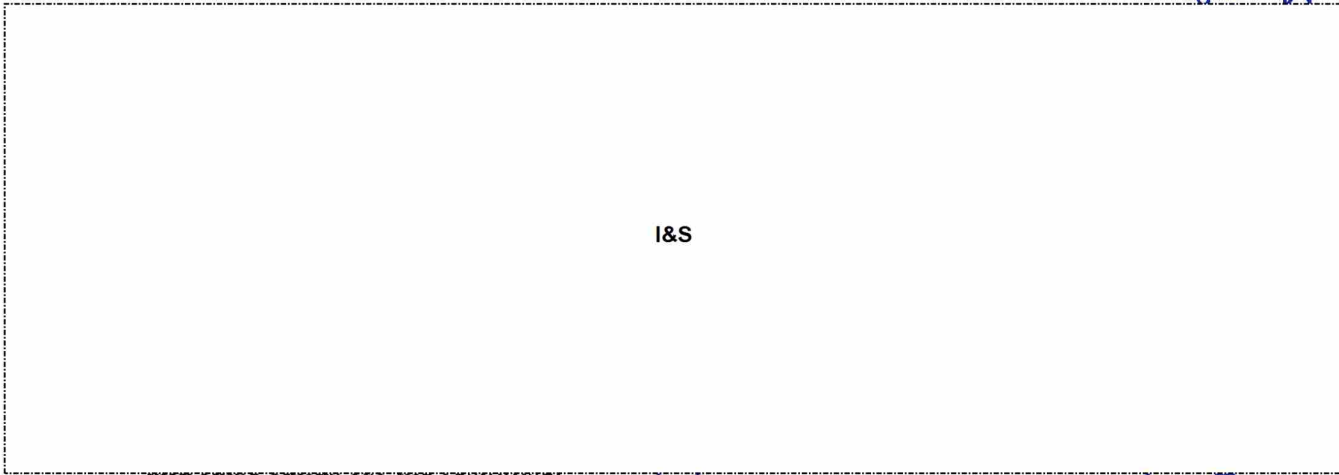
THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER

24. Regional and sector breakdown of COVID support. Following an initial publication in August, HMT will publish updated figures showing the lending issued by sector and region under the Government-guaranteed COVID loan schemes. Both the number and value of the loans will be published for the Coronavirus Interruption Loan Scheme and the Bounce Back Loan Scheme. The statistics show that funding has reached all regions of the UK in line with their

share of small businesses, and has supported the sectors most affected by COVID, although there has been some criticism on the estimated high level of losses from the scheme - both from businesses defaulting on loans and fraud.

25. Long COVID review. Lord Bethell will publish the NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination's report into 'long-COVID' and the outcome of focus group conversations with patients experiencing the effects. The report details the so-far limited scientific and clinical data, drawing from work undertaken in Italy, the US and the UK. Early indications are that long-term effects include lung fibrosis, myalgia, tachycardia, fatigue, 'brain fog', anxiety and depression. It concludes that more recognition and support is needed for both post-hospitalised and non-hospitalised ongoing COVID patients than is currently provided.

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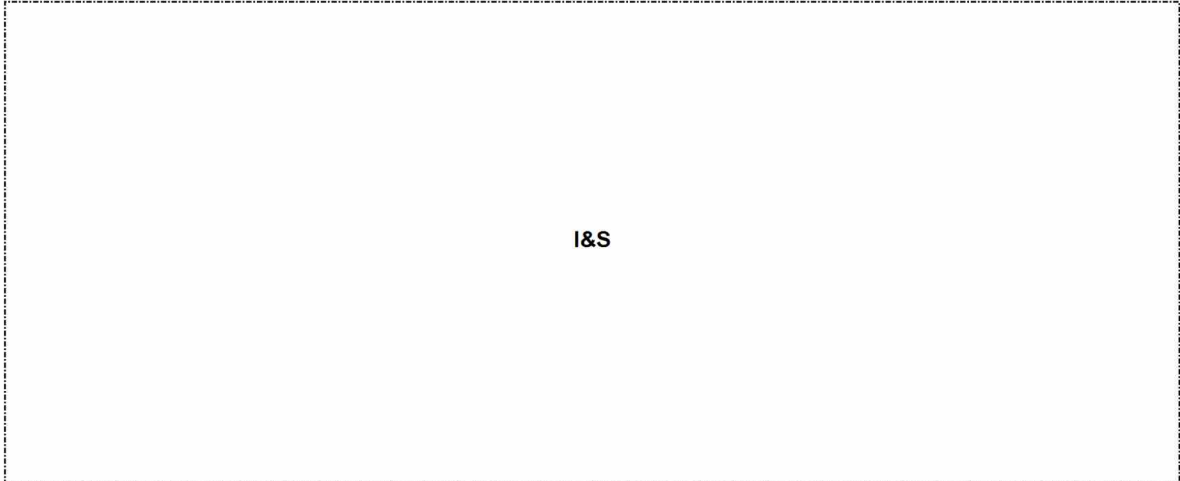


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FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

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28. TV and film support. The Chancellor will announce that a £500 million fund to support the film and TV industries getting back to work is now being rolled out. Around 2,000 TV and film productions are currently paused as they cannot secure insurance for COVID risks. This fund will pay out when losses have been incurred, allowing productions to get their cameras rolling. We are currently looking at options for a studio visit for the Chancellor with a pooled clip.

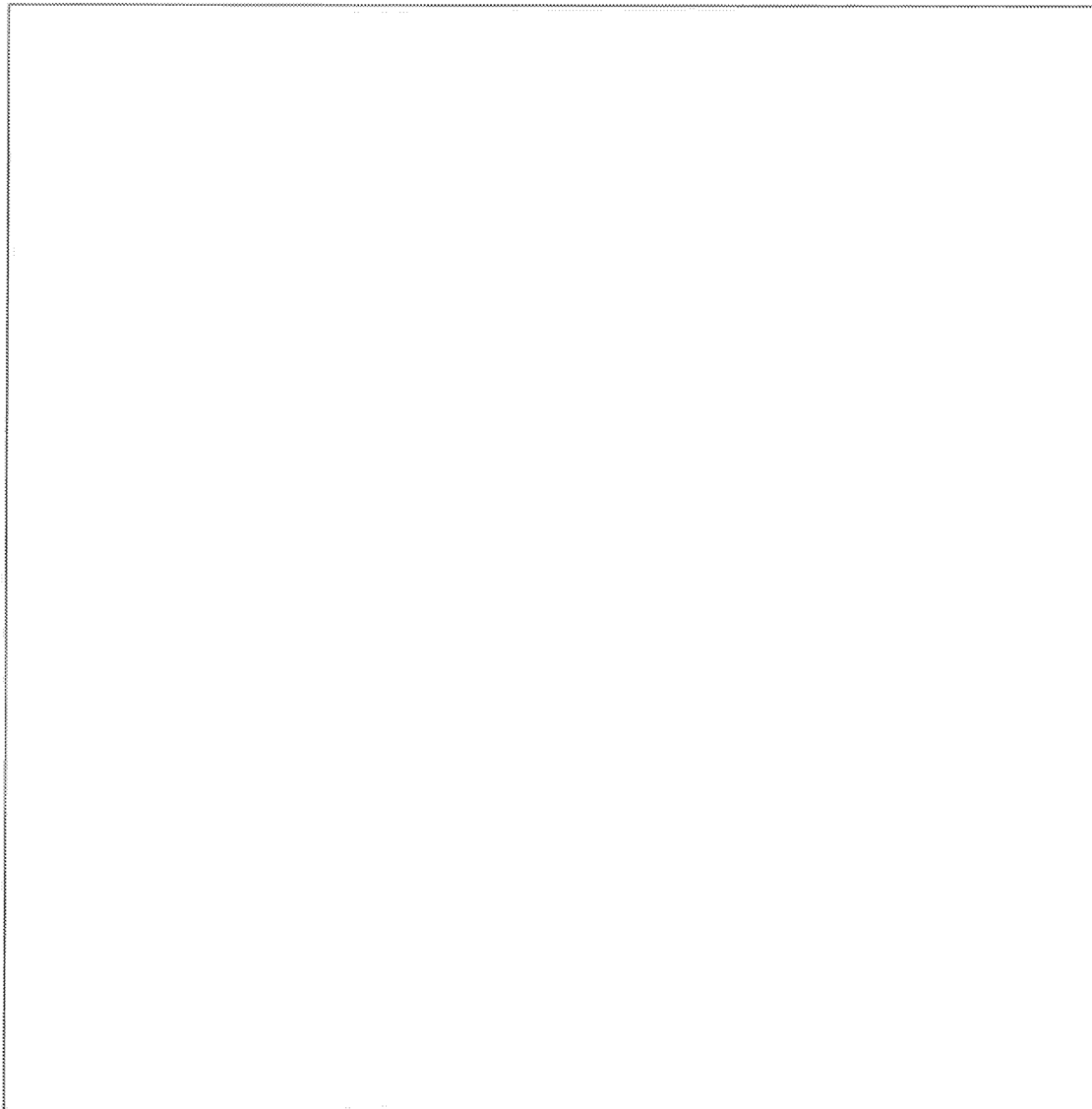


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SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

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