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16 May 2020

Many thanks for your input to our Advisory Group - your advice is much appreciated...as is your very clear and, rightly, challenging media contributions. It's been good to



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contributions. It's been good to talk to you and colleagues, via Zoom - hopefully we'll get the chance to meet in person sometime!

11:08

I'd be delighted- my mobile is **Irrelevant & Sensitive** if you ever want to discuss anything incl. confidentially. I'm here to help and support you as much as I can- would rather be supportive and helping Scottish govt than standing outside and throwing stones. I am in close touch with colleagues across the world and can help bring in how others are attempting this challenging situation. Thanks for your message, Devi



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11:32

Thank you - that's much appreciated.

11:41

**17 May 2020**

PS in a few recent articles my words have been twisted. Frustrating. Hard with journalists sometimes.

18:48

Don't worry - I fully understand how the media can twist words, sometimes deliberately. I think what you say is very powerful and clear though - and has had a big influence on my thinking.

19:11



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30 May 2020

Thanks for your leadership. Just to note that small room to manoeuvre- estimated 1000 to 2500 daily new cases. Sobering to see those figures after many weeks of lockdown. And while outdoor activities generally safe, feels like public sees this as lockdown lifted & all that comes with outdoor activities (transport, food, toilets) can increase transmission. Fragile situation ahead...

14:57

Yes I agree and feel v anxious about it. We will continue to be v tough in our messaging and won't be going any further than this for now. I've been worried for last couple of weeks that



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this for now. I've been worried for last couple of weeks that public already ahead of us on outdoor activity and so formally allowing some of it at least enables us to try to put some 'rules' around it on transport, distancing etc that many will follow. But, yes, fragile. Many thanks for your continued advice.

15:17

Yes I can understand that. As much as Scotland can chart its own course & develop its own testing, tracing, local data systems & public health response, the better. England is going a dangerous path on Monday with even its science advisors speaking out now.

21:23



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4 June 2020

I hope all is well. I've done a note for CMO (we're discussing in our Scottish group) on key steps to managing outbreak in Scotland looking forward. Happy to share a draft with you as well but don't want to overstep or break protocol.

08:51

That would be very helpful. (Don't worry about protocol - tackling the virus more important than that - and I'll handle any issues on that front). You can send it to me privately at

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[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot). Either way fine by me. Also for future use if necessary, you can contact me directly on **I&S** **I&S**. Feel free to do so if you think there's anything I'm not aware of or not adequately taking account of - or just getting wrong!  
 I am extremely anxious about the fragility of the position just now - so very grateful for any advice. Many thanks

09:01

**7 June 2020**

Agree with your relief to see the numbers (even if a blip bc of the weekend reporting issues). Hospital admissions coming down which is good too.



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18 June 2020

Working with a couple other senior public health experts in Scotland on an exciting & feasible plan for elimination in July. Will forward on as soon as it's ready.

20:19

Will be very keen to see that...thanks

20:26

29 June 2020

Sorry if I created any trouble with my interviews this weekend. Tried to convey complexity of situation but



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weekend. Tried to convey complexity of situation but guess that doesn't make good headlines. Nice to talk to you last week and looking forward to briefing later today.

13:59

Not at all - it's actually helpful as it allows me to talk about an issue that would be even more loaded had I raised it first. Good to talk to you too - speak later

14:02

**11 July 2020**

NYTimes home page today:  
[nytimes.com/2020/07/10/wor...](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/10/wor...)



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31 July 2020

Sounds like England might turn and follow Scotland given BJ and CW today and rise in infections in England (ONS estimates 4.5K per day while Scotland is at 20-40 per day per HPS public modelling). Your influence is working- if only they could see elimination strategy is optimal.

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I'm trying to get them there on elimination - I'm told Whitty not keen on using the word?? We will report 30 new cases today (12 of them in care homes) - 0.8%. Spread across country. But still highest number since early June



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Better to move fast than wait & have it get out of control.

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Agreed

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**5 August 2020**

Good decision on Aberdeen

12:56

Hard but necessary.  
Confidentially- on my attempt at a 4 nations statement on elimination, the UKG simply won't use the word. I think I've got them to 'suppressing virus



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and I think the 4 nation statement on 'suppressing virus to lowest possible level and keeping it there' is pretty good- unless they say lowest possible level is 1000 symptomatic cases/day (like a JBC document suggested). Addition of 'no acceptable incidence' which is included in the Scottish Govt Framework from April would also be a good step forward to establish key principle.

18:01

I'll try for that addition - but i suspect I've got them as far as they'll go. I'll then do my best to interpret what it means!

18:05



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