

# Approach to COBR

The First Minister, with her Welsh counterpart, wrote to the Prime Minister on 4 April seeking “proper individual and joint analysis of the options” and “an orderly process”, and “a transparent and collaborative approach to sharing and producing analysis, options appraisal and papers for any COBR meeting”.

Senior officials are pursuing these points. **Is the First Minister content** for us to indicate, in addition, that:

- the First Minister will not agree to any easing of current restrictions until their effects are clear;
- she is committed to an aligned four nations approach, but will not cede devolved decision-making;
- she favours an integrated assessment for COBR, on the lines set out here, and focusing in the first instance on...
- allowing schools to resume, to reduce the impact on young people, who are also at less risk from the virus, and to allow more key workers to return to work (though that reinforces the need for shielding the most vulnerable); and
- the potential for increased antigen testing, and antibody testing when available, to allow a more developed approach to delaying and containing the virus beyond the first peak.

