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This is an international effort.

71 people from many countries attended a conference organised by NIKE in Edinburgh 25-27th February.

There are now 8 cases in the UK linked to this conference -3 in Scotland, 3 England, 1 NI.

NIKE contacted all attendees after a positive case was confirmed and they have all been monitoring their health and the now positive cases came forward to be tested when they developed symptoms.

There is an international effort on contact tracing which is still ongoing- PHE and PHA also involved.

There is some sensitivity internationally about the index case- which people were or were not symptomatic at the time of the conference – this is still ongoing.

My strong advice would be not to say anything here specifically

naming the conference risks breaching patient confidentiality as a delegate list will be available

any statement would require international sign off- this would be extremely difficult due to the ongoing investigation and the sensitivity here

the contact tracing is still ongoing

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Cab Sec, FM and Gregor (who can discuss directly what we're looking for) – are conscious that a number of Scotland's cases now connect to one event – and that we are at a point where that could be reassuring information for the public around the increase in numbers, demonstrate we're still at containment, that contact tracing works and be a legitimate public interest matter.

Ahead of the update to numbers at 2pm can FM and Cab Sec receive as full information as possible about that event, what's been done, the contact tracing, success etc

And can consideration be given with comms as to what can be said around it

With thanks

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