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Am reviewing sub on 4 nations approach to JBC governance - do u have strong views?

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Yes. It should be a UK body like MI5. Pandemic response is a reserved responsibility. It's the actions taken in response that are devolved

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The sub (which I think should have gone 2 u) takes a different view - based on "legal advice". Do let me know if you haven't been sent it

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This is new I think - dated 28th - suggests "agency agreements" with board running it with Dido, you and devolved health ministers....

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Sub optimal but happy to acquiesce if you are / just want it up and running...

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I've now read the sub. I'm very unhappy with it. The JBC is designed as a UK institution that gathers and analyses data. It executes via many different agencies, local authorities, devolveds, OGDs etc. But there is no need for it to be run through a committee of the four nations. We wouldn't put English local authorities on the board!

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The advice this sub is based on wrongly states that "public health is devolved". That is not true. Parts of public health are devolved (fat fighting; local response) but public health emergencies are a reserved matter. How can a sub on such an important matter miss such a critical part of the devolution settlement?

Let's discuss in the morning - this clearly needs sorting out.

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