

data. As such, COVID-19 point prevalence is highly likely to be lower than in the UK for countries which:

- Are rated low or moderate risk under the PHE analysis, and where PHE have high confidence in the data they provide;
- Have had an incidence rate of less than 20 per 100,000 population for the last two weeks; and
- Have had a death rate of less than 10 per 100,000 population for the last two weeks.

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**Subject:** RE: 10:00 - Call to discuss International Travel

I asked for a view on the robustness of this data for Spain – there's been a remarkable change in the point prevalence from the set considered previously that is difficult to reconcile with the public facing evidence of multiple large outbreaks in different areas of the country.

Can anyone offer an assessment of this? I note that this is a particular concern of some ministers.

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Ken

Thanks – happy to be the liaison point but also suggest adding [Redacted] to the circulation list. [Redacted] was on the call for [Redacted] in [Redacted] and has been speaking to [Redacted].

Rachel

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Colleagues –

You were (mostly) on the call with FM and other Ministers just now. The FM agreed to a pause, in which we are to give her advice on the implications for the borders review of the non care-home COVID cases currently being investigated.

We have to do this rapidly, obviously. I'm proposing to write the outline of advice to Ministers, and to ask Scott, Rachel, Gregor and Derek to comment and contribute to that. Rachel, I'd also be grateful if you would be my liaison point with [Redacted], and with Comms for today's daily briefing, and Derek, likewise for the public health interests / inputs. I'll send the draft to this list, plus

anyone else you say should see it: for that, please let my office (copied) know, and they'll compile the distribution list for me.

I've taken most ministerial addresses off this for now, but left in PS/FM and PS/DFM: I'd be grateful if colleagues there would give us a time and details for a further call, this afternoon. It may not be needed, but better to set one up now than in a hurry later.

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Ken

I'm extremely concerned about this. Spain is now being held to a much higher level of scrutiny and performance than other countries. If it is not added to the exemptions list, ministers will have to explain why not when it has an estimated point prevalence rate of 0.015 (compared to 0.33 when the decision not include was originally taken) - 0.015 is verging on Green. And there is visible action from the Spanish authorities to do whatever it takes to suppress outbreaks (compare and contrast with outbreaks in England). It won't matter how much ministers might justify it on health grounds, the Spanish Government will conclude it is entirely political; they won't forget; there is a real possibility they will never approve EU membership for an independent Scotland as a result.

Scott

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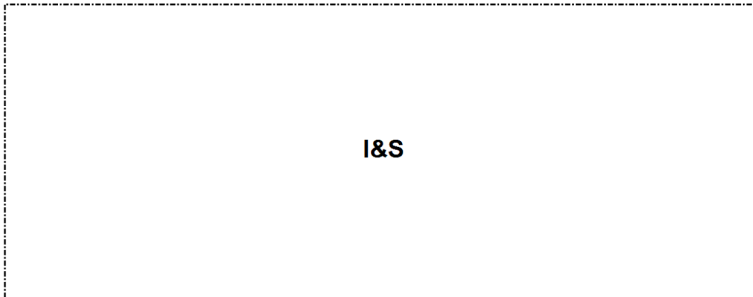
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All

As per my earlier email, the Deputy First Minister has requested a call to discuss International Travel.

I'd be grateful if you could use the following dial in details and ensure that you are dialled in at least 5 mins before the start of the call:



Kind Regards

NR