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[30/05/2020, 14:51:41] Mark Sedwill: Clare has agreed to take it on. Dido v happy.

[30/05/2020, 14:52:43] Simon C: Great news. Thanks for making this happen.

[30/05/2020, 14:52:57] Mark Sedwill: 👍

[30/05/2020, 15:08:55] Simon C: Just FYI, I have upset hardliners in Cabinet today (eg Gove) by saying today that we can't open up churches for private prayer. Too risky alongside everything else we want to do - it is indoors, hard surfaces, largely older people involved etc. Patrick, Chris and I all agreed that we can't take this risk.

[30/05/2020, 15:09:45] Simon C: PM has reluctantly taken our advice, so I have cover

[30/05/2020, 15:10:26] Mark Sedwill: Well done. Steady as she goes.

[30/05/2020, 15:11:42] Simon C: Said no to opening zoos too - which will not make me popular at home either!!!

[30/05/2020, 15:37:09] Mark Sedwill: Simon Grinch!

[02/06/2020, 20:49:57] Simon C: Was PM okay when you saw him at lunch? He and I had a fairly big bust up this morning - I totally lost my rag with him over his flip-flopping. It is impossible to manage and I'm afraid I told him so very directly!

[02/06/2020, 22:02:18] Mark Sedwill: Good for you. He was in pretty good form at lunchtime. Didn't raise any concern about you. Your job requires you to do this. Well done.

[03/06/2020, 11:01:02] Mark Sedwill: Extraordinary intervention from Chris. DHSC's laissez faire attitude to programmes for which they are responsible has been arguably our (my) biggest failure.

[03/06/2020, 11:02:40] Simon C: It is bizarre. I know some is about his style, but he is hardly convincing senior ranks of gov't that the health system is "on it".

[03/06/2020, 11:08:45] Mark Sedwill: Quite! It's been a pattern. Matt overpromising/underdelivering and Chris on the touch line. I had hoped we'd corrected it. Keep an eye on it as JBC reverts from OSCT to DHSC.

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