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Thanks [PD] and understand the concern.

I think this an issue which we need to consider at one of the weekly bill meetings. We don't want to forget about it but not one we necessarily need to raise in the SoS note now.

It is about the capacity to sign off abortions if there are insufficient medics around. Legal abortions have reasonably tight time frames and people sometimes present quite late. If there is insufficient capacity to sign off then women could end up continuing pregnancies they do not wish to have and/or attempting illegal abortions with significant impact on their own and others health and mental health.

It could also be an issue for organ donation where medical signatures are required.

We are not suggesting changing the abortion laws rather that we should seriously consider what capacity there is to deliver the current service which is underpinned by legislation.

Best wishes

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I think this might prove to be a sticking point:

1. **Legal decisions requiring medical confirmation:** in the same way that detention under the Mental Health Act requires medical input and this is proposed to be relaxed, **what about other similar areas eg abortion?**

My experience of taking an emergency Bill through Parliament was a one pager that banned human cloning. OPC had guaranteed it was unamendable. We spent the entire day debating amendments tabled by the pro life lobby. Abortion is, as you know, a toxic subject. If we suspend the two signature rule for mental health detention, those decisions can be reviewed once the crisis subsides. If we 'decriminalise' abortion for the duration of the COVID crisis, then people will ask us how we can 'recriminalise' it later. This is the sort of issue that could sink the Bill.

If you do wish to pursue this, it might be best for CMO to speak to SofS about it? I think it needs a discussion, rather than a note.

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Dear Colleagues –

We have just received feedback from the CMO's office, could you all kindly review the feedback below for your relevant section. I have attached the draft submission to this email.

Please could you revert by 2pm with feedback.

My thanks,

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Thank you PD Feedback from CMO's office:

- 1. Professional registration:** It is missing is registration of doctors (registration of many other medical practitioner are covered). This means registration with a licence to practice. Most retired doctors will have allowed that to lapse

This would be principally aimed at those whose registration has lapsed eg due to retirement, maternity break etc. It would be worth checking whether any proposed bill would also cover more rapid registration of newcomers to the GMC list eg a more rapid version of the existing DHSC work on recruiting overseas staff
- 2. Legal decisions requiring medical confirmation:** in the same way that detention under the Mental Health Act requires medical input and this is proposed to be relaxed, what about other similar areas eg abortion?
- 3. Extending prescribing practice:** the proposed legislation appears to only apply to pharmacists. What about nurse practitioners who currently prescribe but only specific drug groups – or nurse who are currently not eligible to prescribe at all. This doesn't look properly covered to me. Same applies to dentists – who could be drafted in for wider support to an overburdened health system
- 4. Compulsory vaccination:** As described this appears to only cover 'system' service employees. Should it extend to private provision of care in domestic homes because this part of the sector remains part of the cascade down and out of hospitals of patients needing care but less likely to die
- 5. Death certification:** Just checking this covers cremation forms as well?
- 6. Health and Social care volunteers – right to retain employment for 4 week period:** If we are potentially looking at 6, 8 and 12 week school enclosure, surely 4 weeks of employment right of retention will be insufficient.
- 7. CQC – relaxation of rules:** this appears under adult social care but actually the same issues on performance and governance in the health sector relate to acute hospitals, community trusts, dentists etc

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We will aim for 3pm tomorrow.

But aware that could still work to come to you first thing Monday morning.

Chris- [redacted] PD will bring a printed copy tomorrow for your comment.

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Dear [redacted] PD

As agreed and already discussed, please find attached the draft submission for the SoS which details the approved DHSC clauses for the Emergency Coronavirus Bill and the suggested additional measures proposed by different DHSC policy teams.

As we are working to tight deadlines, we would kindly ask for comments to be submitted by 3pm tomorrow.

Best wishes,



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