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Subject: RE: Updated Travel Advice query

FCO just told me it was politically briefed.

From: Harries, Jenny
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Complete news to me. And to [PD] ad whole response team.
It came into [PD] phone during the 12.30 incident response meeting.
She is establishing a work stream to start enumerating likely issues and associated tasks

From: Van Tam, Jonathan <Jonathan.VanTam@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:14:02 PM
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Not known to me. Caught me totally by surprise.

From: [PD]@dhsc.gov.uk
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Not that I know of.

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Did we advise on new FCO advice for all British national to leave China? See FCO CSA query below.



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Colleagues

I have seen the update to the Travel Advice and associated comms that “British Nationals should leave China if they can to minimise the risk of exposure to the new coronavirus”. Is this informed by the Chief Medical Officer? My concern is that this appears to go against the latest science advice, and potentially counters HMG efforts to slow the introduction of an epidemic to the UK. I am copying in CMO Chris Witty’s office in case the link is already there and I am unduly raising alarm.

Regards

Carole

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