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With thanks to colleagues across the department for their input. Please find attached the draft response.

We discussed the delay, but apologies nonetheless.

From the below the question- *What plans we have to raise public awareness about the long-term effects of COVID-19-* remains answered. But I largely agree with the point made that it cannot be answered until we know the long term-health effects

Not been seen by clinicians, but I am fairly confident in its accuracy. We may want to relook at the death data given the activity today on how it is measured- or at least add a line.

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Subject: Science of Covid Lords Written Parliamentary Questions - commission for 4pm Thursday 16 July

Hi all,

Given that we've been inundated by parliamentary questions, the House of Lords has suggested writing a comprehensive note on the central areas of the Covid-19 response in an attempt to try and clear the backlog and answer peers' key concerns. In lieu of a personalised answer, this will then be submitted to the peers who have tabled a question on a relevant area and laid in the House of Lords library. Lord Bethell has agreed this with the Leader of the House of Lords, and SpAds, Parly and SoS' office are all on board.

One of the areas identified as having a number of unanswered questions is around the science of Covid-19.

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has kindly agreed to hold the pen on a comprehensive overview of our clinical understanding of Covid-19. To make sure we're addressing key outstanding questions, leads on the relevant areas that we should try to incorporate into the note have been suggested below in red. Please do widen copylist if this isn't for you. This is due for Lord Bethell's box on Friday, so I'd be grateful if you could provide

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with up to date and relevant information on the below by 4pm on Thursday:

The number of deaths from Covid-19 across the UK and broken down by England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (and – if possible - broken down by age, gender, ethnicity); **John Bates to suggest who is best placed**

- Our assessment of the increased risk of serious illness from covid-19 associated with age, gender, ethnicity and underlying health conditions, and any plans we have to develop an individual risk analysis tool to aid HMG and personal decision making; NR
- An explanation of what the R rate is; NR
- What is the latest reproduction number for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland and what is our confidence in these figures based on the upper and lower bounds on the COVID-19 reproduction rate; NR
- Can we estimate the average COVID-19 reproduction rate from 1 February to 2 April NR (if possible)
- What assessment we have made of the impact of having an open border with a number of countries on the R rate and how we're continuing to monitor the R rate in these countries; **CMO office**
- Our assessment of the excess death rate, the per capita COVID-19 death rate and any analysis that suggests England has one of the highest per capita death rates in the world; **Stephen Balchin to give steer on who is best placed**
- Is there any evidence on when the COVID-19 pandemic started?; **CMO office**
- Our assessment of the evidence suggesting the disproportionate burden of illness and death amongst BAME groups and steps we're taking to inform (incl. information and advice in the relevant languages) about and shield the BAME community from COVID-19; **Dorian Kennedy**
- What is the likelihood of COVID-19 becoming endemic in the UK in the long term; **CMO office**
- What steps we're taking to prepare for a potential second peak of COVID-19 infections; **Comms /**

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- What plans we have to raise public awareness about the long-term effects of COVID-19; Comms /

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As above, please feel free to widen the copylist as know this sits over across a number of areas. House of Lords have made it clear that this note will need to be cleared and deposited pre recess, so many thanks in advance for speedy work here!

Happy to discuss,

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