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Matt, Imran saying we need to have a proposal on the sick pay stuff for the morning meeting. Im liaising with CX and DWP but anything Therese & Rishi conversations that i should know about in advance

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I've been speaking a lot with DWP spads. We potentially have a solution, but there will need to be a policy call on whether it is the right approach and when to make it (could end up in the Emergency leg). Basically, we could introduce SSP day 1 for Coronavirus-related sick days; being clear it only applies to this (because unions have long argued for day 1)

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Basically, this is a no10/HMT call on whether they will support this. DWP and Matt (from our chat earlier) are supportive

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DWP spads would be thrilled if this was signed off in time for PMQs tomorrow!

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I'm supportive of the fix proposed - though it only solves half the problem

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Spoken to PPS - they are drafting a one pager for you and Therese to sign off tonight ahead of 0900 tomorrow morning.

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Does Rishi also need to sign off?

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Well, ultimately yes, but we need a policy position really first.

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This will major on the 4 days as they think the entitlement issue is ok (sounds like Therese said same to you)