

[14/03/2020, 15:04:02] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Thanks - given this guidance says there is "no evidence that the virus can pass to your developing baby while you are pregnant", it will not really be considered reliable anymore, given the Sun splash. Reckon we can work up some reassuring words from Jenny to give the Sun, given how good she was with the BBC?

[14/03/2020, 15:04:48] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Or Jo?

[14/03/2020, 15:15:17] Jo Churchill MP: Happy to Jamie we need to reassure constantly and consistently.

Been chasing pregnancy guidance Duncan flagged RC to me a bit ago too, I had been told it was being worked on - we need to make it simpler, smarter to find the guidance to these various groups - linking in RCM,RCGP's,NCT,Mumsnet they would doubtless put stuff up if asked. Vulnerable groups their charities be it CRUK,Macmillian, Bloodwise would all help - are we doing it?

[14/03/2020, 15:21:57] Wendy DHSC Comms: Yes certainly across social care. We can pick up with PHE across the other areas. I think the CMO's office may want to pick up with the rcog as to whether they need to change or amend their guidance or not. I think we don't currently know if the baby was infected post birth do w

[14/03/2020, 15:30:24] David Halpern: The SAGE paper on this last week offered comfort on infection to infant and no excess deaths, albeit small samples. But did also suggest that may cause some premature births. Not sure on plans to release such papers...Patrick did propose to publish more at yesterday meeting.

[14/03/2020, 15:36:06] Duncan Selbie: We are working on the vulnerable people guidance and will send over a draft tonight.

[14/03/2020, 15:46:35] Emma Dean: Thanks v much Duncan

[14/03/2020, 16:15:23] Matt Hancock MP: Just got this query:

Hi Matt. The French health minister has today said those with suspected Covid19 should take paracetamol and NOT ibuprofen - because ibuprofen could "make the infection worse".

Do we have reason to believe that is true?

[14/03/2020, 16:24:23] Matt Hancock MP: Brilliant. We need to aim for publication ASAP. Current goal of Wednesday is rather late

[14/03/2020, 16:26:36] Nadine Dorries MP: Ibuprofen is more effective at reducing high temperature. (Confirmed by Mark Petrioni)

[16/03/2020, 06:48:21] Matt Hancock MP: Morning all. Where are we on the Testing plan? We need to be in a position to explain our position by COBR - all signed off etc

[16/03/2020, 08:52:59] David Halpern: Name Redacted leading charge on lab based for Duncan...with new Roche machines looks poss that this could be raised 5 to 10 fold maybe within a week or 2. Duncan will know latest.

[16/03/2020, 08:53:19] Matt Hancock MP: Thanks. We have made progress on this

[16/03/2020, 08:54:36] David Halpern: Plus were holding summit with you chairing on Tues eve at no10 to also push non lab based tests.

[16/03/2020, 08:55:29] David Halpern: Short term prospects for latter look better for blood based test for antibodies than live virus.

[16/03/2020, 13:53:23] Helen Whately MP: Some concern in social care that hospital discharges into care sector & a plea to work with LAS/LRFs on this not bypass, as LAS need full picture of capacity

[16/03/2020, 14:01:50] Helen Whately MP: Also this v good request has come through from Nus Ghani: Older people who don't speak English are relying on other news sources & family. To keep messages consistent, Can we please have basic government advice (wash hands/7days) translated (eg- Urdu/Arabic/punjabi/Somali) so we can share. It has to be audio videos & regularly update. Hopefully Media outlets will also use in their packages.

[16/03/2020, 14:04:28] Jo Churchill MP: Fyi - been asking for the translation stuff for weeks & Matt has fielded ?s in the House - 1000's who don't speak English very often in the intergenerational households too

[16/03/2020, 14:09:28] Helen Whately MP: v strong plea from LAS - please can NHS participate in LRF planning activity; please give LRFs and LAS advance notice of things that will affect them eg mass discharges; joint commissioning of care [not the NHS commissioning independently care sector beds]; v close relations needed between NHS and Directors of adult social services - 'no surprises' please

[16/03/2020, 14:18:33] I&S NHS locally does routinely participate in LRFs so if poss please get specific geogs where this is said by a named council to be a prob then we can intervene specifically

[16/03/2020, 14:26:59] Duncan Selbie: The direct to public Comms and the stay at home guidance should all be translated, the cabinet Comms hub were charged with this. I will check and sort.

[16/03/2020, 14:29:59] Jo Churchill MP: Thanks Duncan and I haven't seen the vulnerable persons guidance is it done please

[16/03/2020, 14:31:48] James Bethell: Please copy me as well. As I've lots of vulnerable peers to handle.

[16/03/2020, 14:31:59] Duncan Selbie: The latest draft is with DHSC clinical colleagues

to review this evening.

[16/03/2020, 14:33:36] Jo Churchill MP: If the PMS statement mentions vulnerable individuals going to their GPs and we haven't a) got guidance out b) told GPs it could well be difficult to handle

[16/03/2020, 14:50:51] Helen whately MP: Thx. With video versions in other languages which can be shared on social media, etc?

[16/03/2020, 14:51:09] Helen whately MP: Thx. I will ask for specific locations.

[16/03/2020, 14:51:48] Duncan Selbie: Wendy might help with this.

[16/03/2020, 14:54:01] Wendy DHSC Comms: I had raised with phe comms and they are talking to the hub. We will look at timescales

[16/03/2020, 14:59:44] Helen whately MP: ☐☐

[16/03/2020, 15:23:11] Nadine Dorries MP: A Dr Simon Clarke on Sky news has just said quite emphatically that having Covid does not give you immunity. Contrary to statements made by others. Adds to the confusion,

[16/03/2020, 15:25:46] Allan Nixon: I'll flag to comms to make sure Sky are sensible about it

[16/03/2020, 15:26:22] Allan Nixon: I&S do we have a helpline for GPs to call for advice on CoV related questions they have?

[16/03/2020, 15:38:47] Helen whately MP: Also on comms..."can we make sure all broadcasts and press conference on CVirus have BSL interpreter?"

[16/03/2020, 15:39:50] Allan Nixon: Our comms team have been in touch with No10 comms on this. They tell me it's in hand (let's see if so today!)

[16/03/2020, 15:42:00] Allan Nixon: I'm told this guy is "being blacklisted" and we've offered them more sensible people next time they want a credible voice

[16/03/2020, 15:56:06] Wendy DHSC Comms: We spoke to no10 about this last week and they are talking to broadcasters about best way to do it

[16/03/2020, 16:06:14] Nadine Dorries MP: Good bcse he was downright irresponsible.

[16/03/2020, 16:06:54] Helen whately MP: ☐☐

[16/03/2020, 16:21:30] Wendy DHSC Comms: This has just been released by WHO

<https://twitter.com/who/status/1239582223810072576?s=12>

[16/03/2020, 16:22:08] Wendy DHSC Comms: This is at odds with our guidance that you can go back to normal life 7 days after you first displayed symptoms tba

[16/03/2020, 16:29:13] Emma Dean: I've flagged to Lee Cain who is in with cmo, pm etc now

[16/03/2020, 16:31:23] Matt Hancock MP: Vital NHS involves itself formally in all LRFs

[16/03/2020, 17:17:23] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: Urgent, for No10 ahead of post press conference huddle: How far off are we from a test to show whether or not someone *has* had coronavirus? And is recovered?

[16/03/2020, 17:22:15] Matt Hancock MP: Weeks

[16/03/2020, 17:56:00] Emma Dean: I'm getting offers of support from phara companies who have clinicians they can offer up e.g. for NHS 111 support. Who should i send these offers to? Do we have a list of expertise that we would particularly value additional capacity?

[16/03/2020, 18:01:25] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: We need a triage system for this sort of thing, like with ventilators

[16/03/2020, 18:04:53] Emma Dean: Yes. Be great if we could set that up ASAP

[16/03/2020, 18:11:17] Jo Churchill MP: Can anyone tell me if we have published the data as a labour have been asking us to - Matt answering Ashworth

[16/03/2020, 18:34:46] Allan Nixon: Im told a PHE person (Jon Simpson) has apparently told the Speaker and Leaders this evening that anyone over 70 (regardless how healthy they are or whether they get a letter from NHS) should stay at home as of next week. This isn't the guidance as I understand it.

Can we urgently clarify/sort, as apparently the Speaker is planning on making a statement about plans for parliament tonight at 10pm

[16/03/2020, 18:42:27] Natasha Price: My read of PM statement is 1) on social distancing the advice is "Now, this advice about avoiding all unnecessary social contact, is particularly important for people over 70, for pregnant women and for those with some health conditions." but 'shielding' is only for those with serious health conditions 2) "So third, in a few days' time - by this coming weekend - it will be necessary to go further and to ensure that those with the most serious health conditions are largely shielded from social contact for around 12 weeks."

[16/03/2020, 18:43:24] Duncan Selbie: John Simpson has advised the house authorities from the outset and has answered their questions in accordance with the guidance. Anyone 70+ are strongly advised to consider home working, not to use public transport etc. 54% of Peers are 70+. This still leaves the Lords quorate.

[16/03/2020, 19:25:18] Jamie Njoku-Goodwin: who is best to link this person in with? Do we have a triage service being set up for these sorts of things too? DCMS are very keen to help on this, and leverage their contacts. Who should I link DCMS in with?

NR kindly provided me with your contact details with regards to an opportunity to deliver a coordinated private sector response to support NHS re: COVID-19._