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Subject: FW: Wuhan Novel Corona Virus and Health and Safety advice for Health Care Personnel OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

Please see below.

I am passing this email to SPOC and others before I or someone else replies. As usual I will play a straight bat and explain the historical issues here having the experience of having personally advised DHSC on RPPE since approximately 2004.

My understanding is that HCID in conjunction with ACDP already knows what it is doing for treating new cases by way of PPE ensembles. I think it likely that HSE will agree that all that is in place right now is sensible.

Where this may break down is if we have to move to surge, and cases of WN-CoV cannot be managed on HCIDUs or even IDUs due to volumes. We would then get into the matter of managing cases in standard ward settings and likely would need to draw down pandemic PPE stockpiles. These are configured for influenza and largely depend on SFMs for most healthcare, and FFP3 respirators (requiring fit-testing) for ICUs and specific AGPs in non-ICU settings.

The historical HSE statutory position is that maximum level RPE is required. This was neither affordable nor practical for pandemic stockpiling. The difference between PH/clinicians and HSE's statutory viewpoint have to my knowledge never been resolved.

Whilst I recognise surge is a long way off and I very much hope we never get there, but I think this needs very careful handling. I would like a steer please.

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Dear All

The Health and Safety Executive have contacted me as chair of the ACDP to raise issues regarding safety advice for health care personnel dealing with potential cases of this novel virus.

We all appreciate that the situation has moved very fast but HSE have not been consulted regarding such advice, and as the statutory body responsible for UK Health and Safety Management it is important they are involved.

I realise there are numerous different bodies being consulted regarding management of this incident but full consideration of guidance for health care workers is an important issue - might I suggest that this would be an issue that could be discussed via teleconference with ACDP with HSE involvement? I think the committee has significant expertise in this area and I hope would be able to provide useful advice.

Jonathan I would welcome your view - I have attended a number of teleconferences as an ACDP observer but I think a proactive involvement of ACDP to review guidance in this area would be helpful.

Best wishes

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