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Subject: Readout - 8:15 No. 10 officials' meeting
Attachments: Paper 1 - Shielding.pptx; Paper 2 - London forward plan.docx; Paper 3 - Key workers update (2).docx

All,

Quick readout from today's 8:15 meeting at No. 10, covering London and key workers:

London

- Recognition that yesterday's reporting had caused a lot of alarm, and that the messaging around London needed to be controlled. Proposal for the 9:15 meeting was as in the note (paper 2) – to move forward w/closing London restaurants, pubs, gyms and leisure facilities from end of this week (likely Friday) but with restaurants being told that they can keep kitchens open to deliver food out (this was a specific CCS point).
- CMO was strong on the fact that measures already introduced + school closures should – with 75%+ levels of compliance – reduce the levels of transmission so that r falls below 1 and that we won't be able to assess that for 2-3 weeks. He was also clear that there's no world in which London ICU capacity isn't comfortably exceeded, and so we shouldn't be messaging that that is a possibility. And that stringent London-specific measures risked sending the wrong message to the rest of the country.
- No intention to close public transport in London – TfL announcement of 40 station closures yesterday seems to have been unilateral. Also no intention to require people to work from home – the message seems likely to be a strengthening of strongly encouraging everyone to work from home if possible, but no sector-specific guidance.
- Lots of concern over data lags and the lack of information we have on compliance. **Clare** – Cummings mentioned the ONS data that you're speaking to them about later as being something that would help inform the assessment.

Schools

- Latest key worker list is attached as paper 3. **FinStab team** – the sense we have from CCS is that they think the 1150 code should essentially be shorthand to give FIs cover to have their critical personnel continue coming to work, with children remaining in school. CST is due to go to the 1pm meeting on this and has asked for the list in advance. Let us know if you think he needs more for the meeting beyond what he already has, and we can ask his office to find time for a quick pre-brief (with you in).

Other

- **David L/Rob** – following on from our other email exchange later, there was also a general sense that we know loosely what is happening in other countries but less about compliance in other major cities/G7 countries with social isolation measures that have been put in place - .g., on working from home/distancing. Is this something that we have from posts (and, if so, could we feed in to the next iteration of the two-pager that Stephen has been working up?)
- **Neil** – there was also a mention of UKMIS EU reporting back that EU MS are starting to assume an extension of the transition, but that it's the wrong assumption.

