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Subject: RE: Household isolation - atypical settings

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With thanks to our hub, please find attached below on HO policy areas. We will update separate on the guidance point.

Top lines:

- The Home Office will continue to work closely with its key delivery partners to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals accommodated either within its detention estate or other accommodation.
- Planning of our critical activity – primarily around policing and the border – includes considerations relating to the detention of individuals of high harm to the UK, and contingencies are in place.
- Risks around accommodation and detention will continue to be reviewed, and interdependencies identified.
- We will liaise with PHE and DHSC to ensure that our guidance and procedures reflect any changes or new interventions, as required.

Background

Immigration Detention:

- Home office impacts on our removals estate will be significant. We have already recognised, and are planning, options for reducing current intake across our estate and will ensure that our principle focus will be on maintaining detention of high harm individuals.
- All immigration removal centres (IRCs), short term holding facilities (STHFs) and escort provider have contingency plans covering a wide range of risks (including disorder, fire, loss of IT and communicable diseases). These are tested on a regular basis and are audited by Home Office compliance teams.
- The communicable disease plans have been refreshed to deal with the specific threat presented by COVID 19.
- Policy issues we are looking to address:
 - Approach on lockdown of the detention estate (on a frequent basis) due to outbreaks of illness.
 - Effective maintenance of the estate with contractor abstraction (and supplier resilience).
 - Principles for release of detainees.
 - Legality of maintaining detention.

Police custody:

- The police have in place contingency plans to ensure the ongoing operation of critical functions, including police custody.
- Any reductions in police capacity are likely to result in fewer demands being placed on police custody as there will be fewer arrests.
- Where demands on the police (i.e. reports potentially requiring arrests, and therefore the use of police custody for the detention of suspects) increases and begins to outstrip custody capacity we could see more pro-active risk based decisions to delay arrests, or interview suspects voluntarily. In all circumstances, we would expect the police to make such decisions based on a assessment of suspect threat and risk.

Thanks,

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On Mon, 16 Mar 2020 at 11:25, Vereker, Andrew <Andrew.Vereker@dhsc.gov.uk> wrote:

Adding DSHC collegurs to the cc list.

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Hi all,

Many thanks for your time just now and in advance for the rapid work today. As discussed, we agreed the following actions:

- Departments to send through a crisp, clear policy description (1-2 paras) of how household isolation will be rolled out across the settings below, and any implementation issues or risks - **by 11.20am**. The Cabinet Secretariat will compile this into a note for the CMOs call at 11.30 and COBR slides this afternoon.
 - DHSC - care homes
 - DfE - children's care homes, independent schools, boarding schools, FE colleges with accommodation, university halls.
 - MoJ - prisons, approved premises, young offender institutions
 - HO - asylum detention centres, immigration detention centres, domestic abuse refuges, police stations
 - MHCLG - hostels, HMOs, domestic abuse refuges
- Departments to ensure they are working with PHE to produce guidance NR - please can you send through the relevant PHE contacts on this chain.
- Departments to send through the pieces of guidance they are working on to the Secretariat so we can compile a single list - **by 12pm**.

Please send your policy descriptions and lists of guidance to me and CO colleagues in cc.

Many thanks,

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