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Subject: RE: coronavirus and major events

Dear Carys, please find attached a technical briefing on mass gatherings and behavioural & social interventions for the First Minister.

Please treat this information sensitively as it is assimilating advice arising from scientific groups that is not yet formally published and represents our understanding of the evidence that we currently have available. We will monitor and update this advice if more information becomes available.

I hope this is helpful, best wishes
Rob

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Rob

I spoke to Carys (at the beginning of the email chain), who says that the reason behind the query about mass gatherings is that the FM has asked the question as to why other countries have banned mass gatherings, and on what science the UK government is basing their decision not to ban mass gatherings. He has asked for some background briefing on these two elements of the same subject.

We discussed briefly, and you said that you could provide some background for the FM from the SAGE position on the science behind the UK decision, but why other countries have taken a different decision would require some investigation. This issue about mass gatherings keeps coming up, so Carys says she would be grateful for some background on this matter.

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Subject: coronavirus and major events

Hi Rob

We are getting queries about the implications of coronavirus for major events supported by the Welsh Government – whether they should be cancelled etc.

You explained that the advice at the moment is that there is no reason to cancel events, and that people should refer to the Public Health Wales website.

We discussed, and I asked whether it is possible to have a core brief that offers more guidance and you kindly agreed to consider with colleagues.

Many thanks

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