

OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE - CABINET

Cabinet will wish to note that these minutes, except those items in italics, will be published in week commencing 6th April 2020

Sections 28, 29 & 36

Item 5: Any other business

- 5.1 The Minister for Health and Social Services provided Cabinet with an update on the Coronavirus virus (COVID19).
- 5.2 The Minister was issuing weekly Written Statements to Senedd Members and the Chief Medical Officer was also providing regular updates for the public and had issued guidance to those who may develop symptoms after returning from abroad. Travel advice had recently been updated to reflect the increase in cases in a number of countries, including Italy. Furthermore, the Public Health Wales website was being updated on a daily basis.
- 5.3 The worldwide response was still in the containment stage and *there had been no imported cases into the UK. The risk assessment for the UK was currently moderate, but this would change should there be a sustained transmission in Europe or in any country that had close connections with the UK and or the failure of certain countries to reduce the spread of the virus.*
- 5.4 Information was being shared across all four UK Nations, *civil contingency measures were being tested and the Emergency Co-ordination Centre (Wales) was ready to 'stand up' if and when required.*
- 5.5 *Emergency legislation was being prepared by the UK Government and urgent consideration would need to be given to its application to Wales or whether to introduce an emergency Senedd Bill.*
- 5.6 It was noted that relevant Ministers would be meeting on a regular basis to consider the implications of the spread the virus *and Cabinet would be provided with a briefing note.*

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