

**SGoRR (M)**  
**Thursday 2 April 2020, 1700 – 1730**

Action	Owner	Status
Build active rebuttal of the idea perpetuated by UKG that social distancing measures may be lifted at Easter into marketing campaigns and communications	Comms Group Hub	Ongoing
Contact PPE suppliers urgently to ensure they are not pressured into diverting supplies to central UK Manchester location; ensuring that Scotland maintains supply links	Health Hub – Malcolm Wright	Ongoing
Advise FM when all 120k shielding SMS notifications have been sent to all identified vulnerable people fitting this category; and to inform messaging providing clarity on whether people are in the shielding group or not	DFM	Ongoing
To continue efforts to raise awareness and confidence of non regular PPE wearing workforce that they are being provided with the correct PPE for the role performed. This should include graphics where possible	Health Hub and Marketing	Ongoing

## Notes

## 1. Health Update

- CMO – numbers have continued to rise. 2635 positive, increase in ICU beds, 126 deaths. Underestimate of total infected population. Social distancing needs to be in place for 2 months at least to avoid much higher peak.
- HPS have changed the system they use to report deaths. Previously health boards notified HPS and waited until they had notified family. From today NRS death certification process will be used to speed this up. 40 cases which would not have been reported under old system but are reported under new system. Actual increase on old system would be 10, new system 29. NRS will be reporting on deaths in any setting where COVID is on death certificate – presumed as well as lab confirmed.
- Fatigue around control measures -as soon as we are able we need to share timescales with more people and what the phasing of an exit strategy would look like.
- UKG messaging has been unclear, mix of optimism and scientific evidence leading to confusion. Concern that we will see an attempt from UKG to persuade scientists into lifting measures sooner than sensible. There may be a UKG shift from concern about health to economic damage. Work in coming days to have a full picture to feed into COBR discussion, but also to pursue the possibility of a different approach. No COBR date yet, the later meetings are the more chance we are pressured into agreeing a decision. Work taking place to ground the decision we need to take. We need to reinforce message we are pursuing without optimism/hope.
- Clear suppression measures are based on mathematical models. We will have Scottish data on actual cases on hospitalisation and deaths -data is becoming more accurate by the day. England deaths plateaued, then jumped – we cannot assume hope based on 2 days worth of data, this is not scientific. Real Scottish data will be considered after Easter weekend and consideration given to whether measures can be lifted. Data suggests this could not happen until 13 weeks have passed – this is reinforced in FM daily briefings.
- Perm Sec –Clear official concern and effort to ensure any decisions are based on robust advice. Conflict between political concern about economy and health advice.

## 2. Health Preparedness

- Cab Sec Health - PPE guidelines in place. Email inbox in place to action PPE supplies concerns. Mr Day supporting this. Call with BMA and Scottish Care tomorrow 03/04/2020. PPE issues arising from call with Matt Hancock. Move by UKG to centralise ordering, distribution and supply of PPE. We have made clear we are not in agreement – we wish to continue with our ordering and supply, and cooperate at UK level on aid. Letter to be sent this afternoon from Cab Sec Health to UKG – Perm Sec to be looped into this. FM - Action to take forward urgently – while mutual aid makes sense we need to urgently contact suppliers so they are not pressured into sending supplies to Manchester location.
- Social Care- concern around delivery of adult social care, particularly LAs where existing packages are cut. Asked for mobilisation plans, these will be in place tomorrow – target where we can offer specific support i.e workforce support to ensure it is resilient. Working with Stuart Currie Cllr COSLA on this.

- On track to increase beds by 3000. Managing supply line of ventilators. Repurposing anaesthetic equipment to ventilators. CPAD machines have been ordered. NHS Louisa Jordan is being established, contractors are on site to have this up and running within a fortnight.
  - Lack of confidence is in areas of primary care which would not normally use PPE and in social care. ICU, EDs, respiratory care have the understanding and are ensuring they have the equipment they need. Uncertainty stems from concern from other areas of primary care - those not used to wearing are scared. Guidance on which PPE should be worn by these sectors will be key. Guidance needs to get into the hands of as many clinical and care staff as possible – filtering down from execs is not working – need to find other routes to filter this down ASAP. Guidance needs to cover a range of staff. Jason Leitch – work is ongoing to develop this. Erosion of availability of public sector workers due to fear.
3. Economy
- 2.2 billion package releasing grants is now live. Bulk of support has gone to some sectors – construction and manufacturing looking for urgent help. UKG furlough team. Business gateway advisors, contingency planning, temporary closures. Banks – businesses getting support through the bank – banks need to be able to process applications quickly. Problem with companies with turnover over 45bn not eligible- UKG guidance on this soon. SE to engage supply chains. Cabinet subcommittee on economy tomorrow.
  - COSLA – need more clarity on stability issues on support through economy hub – happy to develop guidance with SG.
4. Communities and Public Services Group
- Shielding – confirmation that SMS service is now active for members of the public. Deliveries will commence tomorrow. 120k vulnerable will be accessing service according to health boards data, not 200k as previously predicted. 106k have had notifications so far. Need to get these notifications out as quickly as possible to be able to provide clarity on whether people are in the shielding group or not, to inform clear messaging - DFM to advise FM on when these notifications will be complete. Will be sharing data with RRP to provide support to individuals.
  - Focus on the vulnerable – work with LAs to identify what how we can continue to identify the vulnerable as the situation develops. Aileen Campbell to advance this, working on report for Monday on how we can reassure ourselves that efforts are in place to sustain. Clear assessment of existing and new vulnerabilities developing.
5. Update on Personal Protective Equipment
- Alan Johnston – Non NHS PPE – issues are limited. Org Read working to assess situation. Collaborative procurement which will address difficulties in obtaining. NSS – we must not do anything that diverts supplies from NHS and social care. Explaining what is and isn't needed will be the most valuable thing we can do.
6. Emergency Services Updates
- Police
- Level of compliance remains strong. Making interventions to return people to their homes. Police Chief will be speaking publicly about need to continue. Mechanism of control is comms and encouragement, backstop is policing. Policing by consent in a fair, proportionate manner.



LPP LPP – instructions have been given to prosecutors/journalists confirming that offences, coughing in faces will be treated as a criminal offence. Short but robust line confirming this.

Ken Thomson - Review of social distancing will include legislation and enforcement issues

Fire and Rescue

PPE issues being picked up through frameworks

Ambulance Services

642 suspected covid – 50% conveyed to hospital. Staff absence reducing as we get access to staff testing. Assuring staff about supply of PPE. Working closely with Louisa Jordan planning team.

7. News and Marketing

Issued PPE content and social content and asked to share widely, health boards getting requests for numbers, should be shared with news. Tomorrow will issue information on shielding, food fund.

New animation for stay at home marketing to be released next week. Easter messaging. Domestic abuse campaign next week. Staying safe for children.

Financial campaign offering support to individuals went live today.

Would be helpful to know numbers being tested against those who need tested.

8. AOB