

## Outline Note and Action Points from SGoRR(O) 1030 hours on Monday 24 February 2020

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The Deputy Chief Medical Officer outlined the latest Scottish, UK and International situation, and highlighted the 4 additional positive cases in England (from Japan returnees) and the issues emerging in northern Italy, Iran and South Korea. All Directorates were reminded that the growing international impacts showed how 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> order consequences could read across to their business areas (example – the Scottish Womens' Rugby team and supporters in northern Italy at the weekend, with their match postponed).



A lot of discussion about the on-going work around a UKG-led Bill. As part of efforts to finalise a Covid-19 Bill at very short notice, UKG were demanding that all DAs and UKG Depts identify what provisions they may need, carry out the necessary instructions and clearances, and provide DHSC (who are leading on the Bill) with the necessary information to very tight deadlines, the first of which is this Friday (28<sup>th</sup>).

It was stressed that **every Director in SG** needs to satisfy themselves that all potential legislative provisions for dealing with the impacts of a Covid-19 outbreak have been fully considered and scoped out, and that where required we are seeking clauses in the UK Bill, or where clauses are not required that we (SG) can deal with emerging issues under existing powers or regulations. **LPP** Directorate leads are liaising with policy leads where it is thought consideration is required, but 'belt and braces' checking would be prudent across all Directorates.

On Comms, all areas are reminded to ensure that they and stakeholders are using the HPS and PHE web pages for the latest public health advice (these pages are kept updated so should be the constant reference point). Advice to employers is due to be published by PHE today.

The Head of SGoRR mentioned that Treasury were being tasked to consider how Depts should deal with financial challenges in the current and next financial years as the resource impacts of tackling a Covid-19 outbreak become clearer. **SG Exchequer** colleagues are invited to consider how such spending challenges might be addressed in Scotland.

A highly sensitive Stakeholder Script to use with trusted partners in discussing Reasonable Worst Case Scenario handling was discussed, and an outline handling strategy discussed and agreed.

The UKG have created an Essential Services, Society and Infrastructure Working Group which will pick up most non-health led Covid-19 work. SGoRR invited to first meeting this week. Will report back but expect need to create a similar function in SG.

The following ACTIONS were agreed:

1. SGoRR to circulate a formal action grid for future meetings when finalised: **SGoRR Team**
2. UK bill note to go to Directors to seek assurance that all potential issues within their areas have been captured and that directorates are considering second/third/fourth order impacts of a wide scale outbreak: **SGHRU and LPP to provide to SGoRR**
3. SGoRR to liaise with Cabinet Office on handling of bill proposals at COBR(M).: **SGoRR to feedback to SGoRR(M)**
4. Chief Economist to provide short paper for SGoRR(M) on economic impact work being done: **Chief Economist**
5. SGoRR to contact Scottish Exchequer colleagues regarding treasury provisions: **SGoRR**

6. All business areas to consider sharing stakeholder scripts with trusted contacts using explicit caveats about no further dissemination: **All Directorates – if not on call please speak to Andrew Slorance about handling**
7. COPFS to link SG Excess Deaths policy team in relation to Mass fatalities handling: **Excess Deaths Policy Team**

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