

21-9-20

3.47 PM Meeting re Doh paper
- restrictions

Doh Tks for meeting
Figs on Thurs
COVID incidences - post code level
manageⁿ.
Incidents in specific post code now
spreading across NI.
Point B - last
criticism re messaging.
If add post codes ^{today} increase on Thurs.
Strong recomm - bring restrictions
now in Belfast across all NI.
Break in COVID transmission.
- Community based, not workplace
settings.

PM CMO, CSA both here - can't see
- socially distanced.

Doh Totally see logic, better to roll
out across all of NI - less
confusing, better for police
enforceⁿ.
Restrictions in place in some post-
codes for 10 days - not effective,
or people not implementing?
Other ideas of what to do?
Stricter measures in stores -
Qs, limit of nos. Reintroduce?
Masks - people less careful.

Enforce^m - police concerns. Will respond to regions concern.
Need 'self-policing' by people.
Sensible approach.

DOH 1st postcode - BT23 + Bfs.
Slight decrease Ballymena. Not across Bfs yet.
Effort by council + shopkeepers - driving reduction.
Reinforce^m - need strong messaging
Retail - compliance/enforce^m group - needs to be more vocal/visible.
If another to do, we wd.
Across NI.

PM Engage with [] I. If don't engage, people will think worst.

DOH Looking at 'menu' of issues introduced in QB / RCI.
All wide approach
Paper for Wed

PM Menu of options for future?

DOH Yes - may need to add additional measures - roll out across NI.

DfE

Areas of restrictions - reduced level of business for traders (B/Mona)

Chilling impact on business

Newspaper coverage - need for support for businesses

B/Mona - small decrease in extent of community transmission

Thurs 2 weeks ago - restrictions

More restr last week, now all of NI

How long will these restr last? More restr needed?

Plea - restr on economic activity - really long-term impact - making a living, mental health

Clear messaging - meeting in home, not hospitality sector, businesses

DfH

Geographical locations

- some decrease

Clear messaging from Gov as a whole, support available

Don't know how long, or if it will be enough - doubt it, so paper - menu of options

- messaging

- CHW/CSA - concern re opening of pubs. Look at curfew

possibilities.

~~OWO~~ CSA

Flag up concerns re opening of wet pubs — transmission of virus. Economic needs. Opening of wet pubs will lead to spread of virus. Additional mitigations — curfew for wet pubs & other parts of hospitality sector. No live music, quiet background music. Restrict table size to 6, 2 households max. Reduce risk — recognize other issues at play re opening

Dof

Agree — apply across all of 6 countries. Correct approach. Messaging difficult — opening of wet pubs. But agree shd open — curfew. Transmission in home settings — need to be v clear.

Future work — events being planned eg Holy Communion next w/e.

Future restrictions — closing venues — need to give enough notice.

Donagel, Galway — problem issue
— border counties? Only Donegal
mentioned, not rest of border
counties.

DDH Not events themselves — social
interaction afterwards — 2
Christenings, household trans-
mission.
If we publish — [Scotland, England]
Road-map in reverse.
Will talk to [] this pm —
Donegal / Louth concern.
Increase in Louth — close to BT60
— cross-border transmission,
social events.

DAERA — Test / track / trace?
Admission of failure.

DDH Hitting 85% of contacts —
three-fold / secondary contacts
— backing contacts — 7 days.
It is working — bringing more
people forward for testing.

CSA People in England — not self-
isolating [].

DAERA Reluctance — forgetting those
who break regs. England — fines
up to £10,000. West of

province, low incidence of COVID -
looking at people in towns breaking
rules - but still having regs imposed.
We do nothing to stop people who do
not obey laws - grossly unfair.

DOH Agree - not approach we want to
take. But spreading - Strabane,
Enniskillen, & doerry.
Enforce^m of restrictions - asked
for enforce^m sub-grp of Exec.
Complaints across water - fines
for non-isolation - will stop
people coming forward for testing

DAERA Holy Land last week - then going
home + spreading.
What are we doing to sanction bad
behaviour?

DOH Gp has met twice
Engage^m with police
Enforce^m group necessary.

DAERA Holy Land - enforce^m notices issue
- response is proportionate across
NI.
I want to see sanctions.
Enforce^m Gp to meet this week.

NPT How is virus getting into homes?
PM / DAERA meeting tomorrow -

what will be covered?

Additional support for hospitality industry?

Announce today? More issues on Thurs - pubs open on Wed - mixed messaging.

Managing communications.

PM

COBRA 9.30 tomorrow - dPM + g will attend.

PM phone call this a.m.

Views across UK increasing - common message.

Health impacts, economic impact

No direct input to PM message. Will update after COBRA.

DDH

PM/dPM - media, Exec message.

Gets into homes - lack of social distancing, hand-washing.

CMO

People spread virus - reduce social contact, hand-washing, masks, self-isolating. Reduce social contact.

DFI

Time lag / modelling

CMO

By end of Sept - need to see significant decrease of comm.

transmission, or deaths / hosp. in Oct.

lag - care homes increase in cases.

CSA

Hospital patients - 22-30, now 5
7 day average up 50% in past
week - no action, will increase
by 50% per week.

Deaths will lag behind - but
will grow along with hospital
adm.

CMO

Better treatments - may impact
on no of deaths.

DFI

Will hospitality industry look
for support?

PM

Will have to revisit if we
restrict businesses.

DE

Agree with DAERA - target those
who are irresponsible.

Enforce^m

logic - correct geographical target
- clear we shd widen out to all
NI - better than patchwork
approach.

Messaging - not helped -
impact lags behind decisions.
People a bit blasé.

People not seeing level of deaths as previous — not aware of danger.
Messaging — need to bring in personal impact on families (similar to road deaths).

People — not direct threat to selves but to others.

Source of increase []

Honest — not in a position to take further economic hit — grave situation.

No big pools of money available to give to sectors.

Focus on social side of issue — wider discussion on Thurs.

dfm Agree — proposed approach from Robin.

Messaging is key.

All agree message — counter confusion.

After last week's exec, different numbers

x All strictly on message to get through next few weeks/months.

DPE DOH — hospital transmissions — new guidance for hsc staff.

DOH Message from CMO to professional staff.

CMD

Said months ago - personal care settings - risk of transfer from staff to patients.

Craigavon - v vulnerable cohort.

Learning from Craigavon will be shared.

v transmissible virus - won't be last infection.

Staff have lives, need to be careful.

DFE

New guidance?

CMD

Guidance / reminder re existing guidance - take more care.

DFI

Civil contingencies - re-convene?

FM

Considering with DfH. Will keep Exec informed.

K Pearson - advise of timing
⇒ tomorrow - content?
⇒ curfew

DfH

x Treat time tomorrow - 6 AM - content

FM

Extra curfews

CSA Curfews - 10.00 / 11.00
No live music
Background only - audible
Tables of 6 - 2 households
Children under 12 n/a.

CNO Tables of 6 already agreed.
2 households - new

Wet pubs - mitigations

FM Curfews - Rags on Wed.
KP - give news today

FM X Give news today on curfews.
Rags for all of NI

DH Will be drafted

DF 10.00pm v restrictive for
rural areas.
1st instance = 11.00pm.
Cows, hay.

DFI Get lines circulated -
restrictions in homes,
opening pubs.
Need clear lines for all.

FM No problem.

AFM Press conf Q - modelling

expected no of deaths .

FM CSA also doing Press Conf - ask him ?

1 Agree - NI wide
- strong messaging
- next meeting - menu of options.

Yes