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**Sent:** 31/01/2020 08:36:09  
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**CC:** [REDACTED] NR @executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk  
**Subject:** FW: Liz Redmond Tele Call

Bernie

I think this helps. We can do some quiet thinking next week as to what an ops room would look like if needed.

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**From:** Stewart, Chris (TEO)  
**Sent:** 31 January 2020 08:34  
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Liz

Thank you, sorry I missed your call.

This is very helpful, and entirely accords with my understanding of the NICCMA protocol – whilst the situation is developing rapidly, I did wonder why it appeared that stand up of a central operations room was being contemplated at this stage; so apologies if we formed the wrong impression.

We will do some quiet planning on NICCMA stand up as a contingency, in the hope that the need does not arise.

Chris

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**From:** Redmond, Liz  
**Sent:** 31 January 2020 06:55  
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Hi Chris,

I just want to make sure any potential misunderstandings are cleared up as soon as possible, since I couldn't reach you by phone yesterday.

We are not looking for resource for Health Gold. This is something we would resource from within DoH if it is necessary to escalate.

The matter I spoke of with Bernie was about the scenario where this escalates to the extent that we have cases in NI and especially if the virus causes significant numbers of people to become ill and die, with associated disruption across sectors. This would then become a Panflu-type incident in which cross-Government coordination would be required. We

are not in this territory yet but I spoke with Bernie about the potential need for TEO to become more involved if this does arise, with associated demands on TEO resource.

Meanwhile there is a role for TEO to keep an eye on the liaison with FCO regarding repatriation of people from China, with Health input as necessary. Currently the plan is that people repatriated to UK would have to agree to enter a quarantine somewhere in England, so I don't think there will be much/any direct involvement of us in this. We will just need to be aware of how many among those repatriated are residents of NI and the media will have an interest. We did have an issue regarding whether people from NI who are travelling on Irish passports would be permitted to join the flight and I am aware that this has now been resolved – if they are willing to agree to quarantine then they will be included.

I hope this is helpful and please give me a call if you would find that useful – [redacted] I&S today.

Liz

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**From:** Stewart, Chris (TEO)  
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Liz

I don't want to add to your burden at a difficult time, but are you free for a call this evening or tomorrow?

I want to be sure that I understand the request below. Do you need more resource in DoHGold, or do you feel that we are nearing the point of activating the NICCMA protocol?

Chris

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**From:** Rooney, Bernie [<mailto:Bernie.Rooney@executiveoffice-ni.gsi.gov.uk>]  
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**Subject:** Liz Redmond Tele Call

Chris, [redacted] NR

Liz Redmond advised me this afternoon that DoH are rapidly getting to the point of needing to consider escalation of the coronavirus situation.

Liz advised that we may wish to give consideration to sourcing additional resources for the ops room as early next week.

DoH Gold command are very stretched.

Bernie