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Subject: RE: URGENT MIISTERIAL REQUEST _ MIISTER SWANN

Chris

Noted thanks. We'll need to be smart about how we respond to this. A flat "no" to DoH will likely get back to FM and dFM and be received badly.

We need to think about alternatives to helplines for businesses and schools (NI Direct, Nibusinessinfo, social media GB helplines etc) hence I'm copying in Chris.

We can discuss tomorrow.

I haven't been contacted yet.

David

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From: Stewart, Chris (TEO) <chris.stewart@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk>
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David

Previous email refers. Parts of this are frankly ludicrous.

The purpose of a hub is to co-ordinate the strategic response, not to run helplines for businesses and schools which (if they served any purpose) would be for tactical/operational response.

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Chris

That was only one on the wish list!

- Meeting of Solace
- Exercise this Friday (Which we have condensed to a 2 hour workshop!)
- Helplines for Education and Economy (businesses)
- Economic impact assessments

I'm trying to work out the list!

Basically everything that they heard CCS discuss!

A key message that I failed to deliver, would be a proportionate response. The Minister did ask where people were as David had said we were set up so I had to show him our CCPB folks on the corridor and confirmed that we had 2 extra resources start this week!

I explained that we are also testing remote working by working in the Branch, in case The Hub has to operate virtually- that seemed to be accepted.

I assured them that you speak to me on a daily basis and throughout the day and are extremely supportive.

Minister and CMO did kindly offer me their support if required.

B

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Bernie

Don't worry about it. One can only advise, others must decide.

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Chris,

I don't know how to tell you this!

Minister Swann and Dr McBride called in to brief me post COBR.

They are going to contact David Sterling to request ramping up the NI Hub to support the Executive!

I explained that we are already operating with CCPB covering all of the responses.

Dr McBride said that things were escalating rapidly and he and the Minister felt that we needed to get people in from Departments, Education and Economy to be on site and to support the cumulative situation!

They are going to contact HoCS.
Bernie