

MEETING NOTE

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		CMO Call – 11 October 2020	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stormont Castle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Zoom 26 Attendees in total
LIST OF ATTENDEES:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS	dFM, FM JM Kearney JM Lyons Stephen McGlade, SPAD Dara O'Hagan, SPAD Philip Weir, SPAD John Loughran, SPAD Emma Little-Pengelly, SPAD Mark Ovens, SPAD
OFFICIALS:	Michael McBride (CMO) Ian Young (CSA) Richard Pengelly DoH, David Gordon DoH Karen Pearson, Andy Cole (TEO) Donal Moran (PPS); <input type="text" value="NR"/> (PS); <input type="text" value="NR"/> (PS) <input type="text" value="NR"/> (PS); <input type="text" value="NR"/> (PS) Chris McNabb, <input type="text" value="Name Redacted"/> (EIS) Andrew McCormick		
OTHERS:			

KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:

MoH – Worse place than Thursday. Hospital number and ICU beds increasing significantly. Trust have already started to down turn routine surgeries in order to clear. Very hard intervention, very soon and for longer than initially suggested. Looking at a 6 week lock down equivalence. Interaction at school gates causing a concern. Interventions have not resulted in improvements.

Derry City will be 1000/100,000

Mid Ulster has passed Newry & Mourne.

Altangelvin opening up Third Covid Ward.

Need an intervention tomorrow.

dFM – What is the doubling rate now? CSA – Slightly less than 7 days. 290 next Sunday and c. 600 the following Sunday. Any interventions take 10 days for curve to flatten. Every day makes a real difference.

FM – Beds capacity? Standing up Nightingale Capacity. ICU Surge sees more beds in ICU wards, not Nightingale yet as it requires staffing. Utilising private staff to cover staff that have to self-isolate due to Covid.

dFM – What is the MoH plan for Executive tomorrow.

What is the best way to manage and land it? Keen to do it as united and joint as possible – 6 weeks full lockdown including Education.

FM – need to see detail of proposal. Prefer to deal with graduated response. Apply the Derry proposal across NI and indicated that she would not support any proposal to close education.

MoH – if applied across NI would see a reduction but would necessitate another intervention before Christmas. Work JMs are doing work on enforcement. Need to see the out workings of that. Not seeing a reduction anywhere, more drastic actions required now. Time is not on our side.

FM – Need clarity on information and data. Will see what COBR until tomorrow.

CMO – We are 10 days away from NHS overwhelmed and significant numbers of deaths if we do not take decision. Executive needs make decision on the acceptable level of mortality for both Covid and other conditions. Likely to see Covid in Care Home. We don't break down detail at Post Code level for a number of reasons.

JM Kearney – I'm advised that the Waiting Lists for testing were running into the hundreds to reflect the demand from citizens. Translink Service in Derry & Strabane having to scale down services due to staff self-isolating. If we have a Halloween Break for a week and a week owed to teachers from 17 August. Need a