

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

NOTE OF CCG(Covid-19) MEETING – THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020 @ 10:30AM

PRIORITIES AND ACTION POINTS

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- IDENTIFICATION OF ISOLATION FACILITIES – DoH advised there were no specific isolation facilities in Northern Ireland and sought members assistance with the identification of suitable premises.
- LEGISLATION - DfE is concerned that the proposed Coronavirus Bill doesn't address the lack of powers that FE and HE have to close colleges in contrast with DE who can close primary and secondary schools.
- EXCESS DEATHS – STORAGE - DoJ's Excess Deaths Working Group to continue to consider options for body storage as a priority.
- READINESS – All organisation to review business continuity plans in light of reasonable worst case parameters (RWCS).

ACTIONS

- ALL MEMBERS to advise DoH [I&S]@health-ni.gov.uk by close of play, Friday 28 February, of suitable premises within their sectors which could be used as isolation facilities.
- DOH to discuss the proposed Coronavirus Bill provisions with DfE in respect to FE and HE colleges.
- PHA to advise Local Government on PPE needs for frontline staff e.g. collection of trade and domestic waste.
- PHA to liaise with DAERA to address concerns around portal inspections.
- FSA to discuss with DAERA the potential impact of staff absence on food inspection.
- TEO to issue a short questionnaire to CCG (Covid-19) on readiness to help inform further work required and to gain assurance on readiness.
- DEPARTMENTAL MEMBERS to review readiness with their CNI sectors, to identify any gaps and provide assurance.