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**Sent:** 23/01/2020 08:52:24  
**To:** Chada, Naresh [Naresh.Chada@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk]; McBride, Michael [Michael.McBride@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Subject:** RE: Coronavirus

Many thanks

Michael

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**From:** Chada, Naresh <[Naresh.Chada@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Naresh.Chada@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk)>  
**Date:** Thursday, 23 Jan 2020, 8:50 am  
**To:** McBride, Michael <[Michael.McBride@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.McBride@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Coronavirus

Michael

I shall initially be at the NICE meeting. Can leave early if events dictate.

Thanks

Naresh

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**From:** McBride, Michael <[Michael.McBride@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.McBride@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk)>  
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Minister,

We will liaise with private office to arrange.

While a UK agreed approach to media and public messaging is important my experience is that this should be proactive even at the risk of causing a level of concern which may be disproportionate with our understanding

of the risks at present - suggested interim draft holding line & key message - subject to agreement with other administrations:

“While the risks to the UK population are currently assessed as low we have planned, we are prepared, informed by the best currently available scientific and medical advice to protect the population of NI”

Michael

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**From:** Swann, Robin <[robin.swann@mla.niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:robin.swann@mla.niassembly.gov.uk)>  
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Thanks for reply.

Michael if you could provide a brief oral update tomorrow, no need to draw in a bigger team, lines to take with Matt Hancock.

Thanks **NR** hadn't made it back into my papers following Muckamore meeting.

regards,

Robin Swann MLA  
North Antrim  
Ulster Unionist Party

----- Original message -----

From: "McBride, Michael" <[Michael.McBride@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.McBride@health-ni.gov.uk)>  
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Minister,

If helpful in addition to the submission of this evening Departmental officials, myself and PHA colleagues are available to provide an oral briefing in respect of our preparation, planning and readiness if this would be of further assistance.

I fully anticipate we are likely to see suspected and/or confirmed cases in the UK and RoI in coming weeks. Restrictions in travel and flights from Wuhan may delay.

To confirm: extensive planning, preparation and liaison is ongoing between your officials and counterparts across the UK and respective UK Public Health bodies, the NHS and HSC Trusts. Currently there are daily conference calls at Departmental and operational level with Trust in NI - the latter being coordinated by the PHA.

I anticipate that a UK CMO call is imminent. I have sought a call with my RoI counterpart.

It is also likely that you may be requested to participate in a call with respective UK Health Ministers. You may wish to raise with the SoS for Health, Matt Hancock in your call this week. We will provide lines to take.

We will also provide briefing for Richard to update his Permanent Secretary colleagues and other Departments on Friday.

Regards

Michael

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Minister

Briefing and lines to take have been provided by officials. It should have been in the papers that Gary brought to you earlier this evening?

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Hi Michael,

Is it possible to get a brief at some point on what we know in regards to Coronavirus and what steps we take should a case make it to NI?

regards,

Robin Swann MLA  
North Antrim  
Ulster Unionist Party

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