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2 March 2020  
FM Intro

① Minutes

Agreed?

Yes

② M.A.

DOH Coronavirus  
COBRA meeting - FM/dFM, DOH + CMO.

Irrelevant & Sensitive

DOH

Coronavirus

1st positive case in NI.

Process - initial complete.

Travel to affected area.

Pos. cases in ROI, Wales + Scotland.

Advice to public - same as before

PHA - kicked in

1-3 ILED tests in NI

1 pos

Bfs Virology Lab

Legis - other mins + colleagues

Legis through Westminster.

COVID 19 - notifiable disease

GPs legally required to report.

Conf call on Sat with RCI  
Relationship / communication - sound.  
PHA - HSC in RCI.  
Only matter of time before more cases.

CMD Some develop<sup>m</sup> in England - concerning.  
Most cases - travel related.  
But now - some person-to-person  
transmission.  
Get right info to public - facts rather  
than fear  
Reinforce message.  
RCI - 2 months - Apr (vaccine)?  
Cabinet office pandemic plan planning

DOH Name in each dept for coronavirus  
info  
TEO - using civil contingencies  
arrangem<sup>m</sup> - Castle Buildings.  
Supplement from next week, scale  
over next few weeks as required.  
looking for volunteers.  
Working with Cabinet office (ISO)?

DAERA Treatment / vaccine?

CMD No vaccine yet.  
Active global experts working.  
Drugs testing to check if they work  
Vaccine develop<sup>m</sup>.  
No vaccine this year.

Still in contain<sup>in</sup>

Community transmission - impact on public services

Supportive care

Most people - minor illness - like cold

98% will get better

5% hospital care - anti-biotics etc supportive treat<sup>in</sup>.

More severe version

Case fatality rate - could be 2-3%

lot of info we don't know.

Continue to plan - but balanced approach - accurate info.

DE

Schools system

Strong advice - PHE lead, need to give clear info. People returning from risk areas, good hygiene.

Advice

Cancellation of trips

5 school ~~provision~~ <sup>provision</sup> facilities - pupils from far east - travel risk

Some parents travelling to see children

Ventilation facilities in England - ramping up?

Use time wisely to prepare ventilation, beds provision?

CMD

Tough decisions

H+SC Boards / H Trusts

co-ordinate - single cases, rooms, side rooms.

Swine flu - train staff to support outside intensive care.

Regular ongoing work to test systems.

Prioritization - clinical decisions, ethical issues.

Some schools currently in Italy, some planning trips - advice schools to contact PHA

Poss dedicated line for schools.

DE Pref - over-cautious rather than too loose.

CMD Some schools closing - not our advice at present. Need consistent message.

DOF Contain<sup>m</sup> phase now - benefits of being an island. Particular measures to give us advantage?  
Peak in April, fall off in summer?

CMD Modelling - UK/ROI - widespread. Contain<sup>m</sup>  
Not inevitable.  
Need to be prepared for weeks/months of transmissible virus - v open world.  
Peak cd last for 15 weeks.  
50% + of population cd be affected - but lot of minor cases, v mild