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Sent: 31/03/2020 8:11:28 AM
To: DoH Minister [minister@health-ni.gov.uk]
Subject: Covid Strategy Document

Minister

Thank you Minister

We shall continue to do our very best to support you and the Executive while coordinating the health response. We cannot be deflected or distracted from our primary responsibility of protecting the public and saving lives.

Might I place on my record my thanks for your committed support and unerring leadership.

Michael
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From: DoH Minister <minister@health-ni.gov.uk>
Date: Tuesday, 31 Mar 2020, 4:53 am
To: DoH Minister <minister@health-ni.gov.uk>
Cc: McBride, Michael <Michael.McBride@health-ni.gov.uk>, DoH SpAd <spad@health-ni.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Covid Strategy Document

Richard/Michael,

Again can you pass on my thanks to those who worked over the weekend to produce this. Document, which was largely to placate the demands from other Executive colleagues.

I apologise to Michael & yourself for the time lost yesterday due to an Executive that was rescheduled numerous times, and then eventually when it did happen, it reverted rather than looking to the strategic direction that was laid out, the questioning from the same quarters reverted to testing & PPE, questions which we have answered previously.

It was disappointing the the dFM's parting dig rather than acknowledging the work that is being done was how their perception was that "we viewed the Executive as a thorn in their side", so you are aware I received a number of calls from other Ministerial colleagues expressing not just their disgust at how we were treated but in support of the work and professionalism of the staff within the department.

Again thanks.

regards,

Robin Swann MLA
Minister of Health.