Anthony is happy to help. Will you add him to the PSS group? I assumed he was going to do the C3 role rather than Chris' wider one but happy to correct that if needed. P

Yes, just the C3 work. I'll add him in.

17/03/2020 10:16:43

David. I think we are going to need to change the decision making structures both politically and administratively to be able to get consistency and to act quickly enough. (The JBO issue is not the trigger here). Essentially we need to concentrate power at the centre - including in those playing corporate roles to lead on different issues. I know our system does not encourage this but we could do some of this as PSS and then work to get more political buyin?

Agreed on approach. But never underestimate how difficult it is to get the simplest things agreed here. Even in a crisis they seem keener on scoring points off each other than helping the citizen.

Agreed. That's why I wondered if we needed to start and seek forgiveness....

Happy to do that on an issue by issue basis.

19/03/2020 08:45:18

David. A less welcome thought for you - I'm not sure retirement in August will work . Might you need to consider extending at least till Xmas?

Go away Peter!

The thought has crossed my mind - but too early to call it. The end of August is what's currently keeping me going.

19/03/2020 11:02:42

Have taken the plunge and said she would be more effective if she made shorter interventions. Didn't go down very well so let me know if there is any difference!

OK thanks, and well done, can't have been easy (but much needed).

I'll give feedback.

19/03/2020 17:56:05

First Covid case in an English prison. On a Cab Office conference call at present.

I'll call back when finished, probably not before 6.45

No probs. Wanted to brief you on a problem we have re excess deaths

There was a case in HMP Manchester earlier in the week as I understood it