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MEETING NOTE (20 March 2020)

INV Number:

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		PSNI – Govt response to challenges of COVID 19	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. PB	Stormont Castle (via telephone conf)	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Castle Buildings
LIST OF ATTENDEES:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS	FM, DFM, Mark Goodfellow, Philip Weir, Stephen McGlade
OFFICIALS:			
OTHERS: Call was with Chief Constable Simon Byrne and deputy Chief Constable Mark Hamilton			
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: <p>Chief Constable (CC) raised some observations about command and control response of the NICS to COVID and offered PSNI support to help further strengthen that response.</p> <p>Importance of Ministers getting quality, timely advice on command and control issues was recognised as was single points of ownership to drive actions emerging from CCG structures. Clarity of purpose, clear tasking and accountability mechanisms all key to successful command and control situations.</p> <p>First Minister clarified the structures that she and dFM had instigated in addition to CCG meetings, to include daily sit reps and daily update briefings with Ministers and senior officials.</p> <p>CC offered ACC Tim Mairs as a senior resource to support CCG structures if helpful</p> <p>DCC Hamilton noted the importance of personal resilience and for senior leaders to consider contingency planning for the exercise of leadership roles in circumstances where leaders fall ill to COVID.</p>			

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ISSUES AGREED: FM and DFM to consider offer of support from ACC Mairs and respond to CC.	
ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE: Private Office to respond to PSNI in due course.	
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