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**Subject:** SUB-1973-2020: Modelling the course of the COVID epidemic and the impact of different interventions and recommendations.

David

The current situation and trajectory is much more serious than March and we have outlined what we believe is now necessary and as soon as possible.

We can and will consider variations on recommendations at paragraph 26(1) and your comments are most helpful as they will be raised by Ministers and others. Regrettably we are beyond discussion and nuance.

While all matters are subject to consideration and decision for and by the Executive the choice is effectively between NI wide significant interventions now to avoid the health service being overwhelmed and excess death or inevitably those same decisions being taken later by default when the health service is overwhelmed and there are significant direct and indirect health consequences. The impact on wider society and the economy will likely be the same in either scenario and indeed may be more profound as a full lockdown may be then required with significantly less benefit in terms of managing health service pressures and morbidity and mortality from COVID and non-COVID disease.

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David

On takeaways, would be prepared to consider this.

The suggestion was that non-essential retail could stay open, so long as there was no indoor mixing outside stores themselves. On this basis, open farmers markets could continue (with management of flows and queues).

Ian