

2-7-20

11.10 FM Intro

① Minutes

FM Agreed? Yes

③ COVID Update

15H Going right direction  
R - need messaging re other measure<sup>in</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> day - 3-zero deaths.  
No-one in ICU  
19 hospital patients - COVID.

COVID not over yet -  
Ongoing work in care homes  
133 homes - clear - through cleaning  
process.

Within next 2-3 weeks, majority of  
care homes shd be clear.

Issued guidance re visits to hospitals/  
care homes - still restrictive.  
Homes clear - can allow visits at  
discretion of manage<sup>in</sup>.

dFM Welcome R rate 0.3  
Welcome more<sup>in</sup> of on visits.

B Storey funeral  
\* Record - how situation unfolded,

acted within regulations.

Views of Bobby Storey - divorce from my actions.

Invited by family, honoured to do so  
huge figure, knew thousands not wish to attend.

Organizers - online streaming,  
watched by 250,000 people.

Cortège - 30 people.

Stewards - lined route to prevent  
people joining cortège. - 2m

Worked with PSNI - monitored.

Mass - masks, hygiene, social  
distance.

30 people in cortège.

People entitled to view.

People vote with feet.

People - applause along A/town Rd

Organizers - tried to keep people  
apart.

No dilution in my mind of public  
message.

Not out of woods yet.

Throughout crisis, have led from  
front, will continue.

No offence intended

DFT

Given the way this is being felt  
- need Exec response.

We have all lost people.

Issue re messaging, credibility  
as Exec - need to acknowledge.

Don't know how close dFm was to  
R Storey.

Even in grief, have to show leadership.  
Real challenge.

DAERIA I hear dFm defence - doesn't cut it  
in public.

Public don't believe you have honoured  
L ?

State<sup>m</sup> in 2017 re Fm - shd resign.

Got lot of requests for my father's  
funeral to attend - had to say No.

Very hurt, hundreds of people  
across NI - could not give loved  
ones wake, funeral.

Damaged dFm credibility, Exec  
credibility - need to reflect on  
position.

If you don't change position, will  
cause damage.

Every time you speak, public will  
ignore message.

DOJ

Restrictions re funerals - most  
sensitive. Friends - parent  
cremated, <sup>family</sup> not be allowed into  
Roselawn.

POOR shows

Understand why you want to be part  
of funeral.

But as dFm - said no exceptions.

But made exception for yourself.

letter of laws - restricted no. at funerals.

I suggested change of numbers - was not taken up.

This caused huge hurt.

Black lives matter protest - we said shdn't happen, political hit - needed to stand behind them.

Better to acknowledge hurt rather than defend - eg Dominic Cummings.

If we need to move back to lockdowns - credibility damaged by visuals of funeral.

longer you try to defend on technicalities, worse it will get.

Funerals ~~with~~ have particular restrictions - these weren't met, up to now, people think exec doing reasonable job - now angry.

Had to miss funerals.

Edwin's father - public figure, people couldn't go to funeral, Pain.

DFC

I buried my aunt few weeks ago, didn't get to say goodbye.

I was at funeral - huge efforts to social distance, got annoyed at stewards.

See Dist as much as poss.

Comments in Press - need to sort

out.

Noah - Nth Bfs - support for family.  
~~teach~~ Not same discipline - even by  
police. Hugging

Difficult to enforce soc. dist. at  
funerals.

Had the service not been live-streamed,  
had no discipline been applied, wd  
have been much worse.

Family invited Michelle.

Attempt to ensure soc. dist. was  
in place.

DOH

Press conf Tues p.m.

Made clear - message - stand  
united.

People always looking for split -  
now have split to focus on.

Huge no of messages - why listen to  
Exec?

Why is Press Conf cancelled - I am  
being asked.

Biggest concern - split.

Good results so far - because  
people listened to us, parties together  
But now - focus on split.

Answer lies in dFwl hands now.

JWL

Biggest issue - no remorse, no  
acknow. of wrongdoing

Clear breach - more than 30 people.

You are VP of SF. SF funeral,

co-ordinated, not spontaneous.  
Reqs broken, outside letter + spirit  
of laws.  
Blaming political purposes for  
comments.  
People have made huge sacrifices  
- can't visit friends, family etc.  
Disgraceful performance at  
Committee - M Anderson behaviour.  
Huge damage to Exec, shame  
because Exec have done good job  
to date.  
Have given succour to people who  
want to break rules.  
Health implications.  
Need remorse, recognition of  
damage done.

DE

Not about point scoring.  
Try to be dealt with in restrained  
manner - public wd be more  
robust.  
Major credibility problem.  
All of us wd have turned down  
request.  
Felt bad at not going to funerals,  
but followed laws.  
You feel you have done nothing wrd  
but not cutting with public.  
Need contrition.  
Need some further action -  
see what you can do.

DFE

DFC. Noah Donohoe funeral v sad + difficult.

Distasteful to compare with Bobby Storey funeral - quasi-uniforms. Desist.

Acknowledge all communities in Nth Rfs - Noah.

Have listened to stories of people who lost loved ones - COVID, v sad.

Clear breach of regs at ~~B~~ Storey funeral.

To say 'mostly not my fault' will create diffs for Exec.

Remorse, acknowledge hurt.

Economists in dopt - unemploy<sup>m</sup> at reach 100,000 by end of year, worst since 1980s.

Undermining work of Exec - absolutely disgraceful.

dFul - need to express remorse for rule break at funeral.

DOF

All wd have liked to go to other funerals.

Rules relaxed - not same circumstances. Breach of regs - technicalities.

I attended, but not in cortege.

Chapel - soc dist - stewardship.

Miss argued for approaches.

Continue to articulate advice.

Will continue to  $\{ \quad \}$ .

Attended funeral on basis of regs.

People can say what they want to say - entitled to opinion, I am entitled to be sceptical.

dFM

I have acknowledged hurt - but Regs/restrictions have moved on. Everyone has had say, continue to work through pandemic.

FM

Upset about Exec meeting.

Huge damage

Noah search - all parties, communi - not soc dist.

dFM + I are leaders of Exec.

More than 30 at funeral - cortege not same as funeral.

New guidance not signed off.

Social media full of pics - uniforms guns.

Hope moment for Exec.

Can't stand on platform today with dFM + give out public message.

Won't just disappear.

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~~dFM~~

Action log

FM

Sp Note.

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## Indicative Timelines

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Sp Note.

DFI

Incl social clubs?

DFC

Yes

FM

If serve food, can operate as  
pub that serves food.

DAERA

Why not outdoor issues? Outdoor  
safer than indoor?

Grand Prix, Downpatrick Races -  
all outdoor.

Need economic support,

Need decisions - identify what is  
not safe outdoors, then let  
everything else open.

FM

KPearson - Equestrian issues Mon?

KP

Currently aimed 17-7.

Will ~~then~~ see if they can be  
considered earlier.

DAERA

lot of outdoor shd happen.

DFE

KP - some issues needing certainty

Pubs only selling alcohol

- for Monday?

x

Need to look at hotel swimming

pools.  
Losing family market.  
Hotel residents to be served drinks  
seated in lobby.  
Larger weddings - huge gap in  
bookings  
Indoor amuse<sup>m</sup>/gaming -  
mitigations in place.  
Discuss with CMO/CSA/DOH/KP in  
next few days  
- timeline for decision / certainty.

DFI Table to understand guidance.  
Some guidance industry led, some  
from PRM (DFE), some GR Govt.

KP DFE - pubs/drink - looking at with  
DOH - risks  
S/pools - also riskier end of case<sup>m</sup>  
Gaming/Arcades - will try to  
bring forward.  
Guidance Table - will suggest to  
team.

DOJ Consistency  
Para 16 - committal nos.  
Also look at baptism, weddings,  
funerals - have to soc dist, but  
no ref to numbers.  
30 people - difficult to distinguish  
between 2 grps of 30 / 1 grp of  
60.

Concerts, non-seat stadium —  
other areas roped-off.

Remove numerical cap, focus on need  
to maintain soc. dist.  
Large gatherings not permitted —  
Increasingly difficult to monitor  
grps of 30 — not scientific no.

Indoor services — follow guidance  
rather than cap of nos.

PM

Specific guidance for churches — not  
signed off yet.  
KP — looking at regs re outdoors

CW10

30 —

greater the nos, esp in confined space,  
— difficult to soc dist, — rationale re  
nos.

Contact tracing — larger no at  
event, more people we have to contact.

Sub to Min — funerals indoors,

x Paper for Exec Min — bar mitzvas,  
weddings etc. Met with Faith  
leaders — said we wd come back,  
ongoing by KP.

KP

Content — ongoing work re  
guidance.

PM

Agree recomm?

Yes

## Face coverings.

DFI

Exec recomm face coverings - only small no of passengers comply.  
Scotland, Eng, ROI - compulsory face coverings - huge uptake by passengers.  
Enforce<sup>n</sup> - examined different routes. Best option - coronav.  
Regs - same as Scotland etc.  
CSA / CMO  
V conscious - shielding people will be able to use public transport.

DE

Welcome paper.  
Areas raised re school transport, children under 12 - OK  
Soc dist preferable - but mandatory face mask mitigation where soc dist difficult - enable running of public transport?  
Implicit in paper?  
Still 50 people on bus?

DFI

Exec guidance - 2m where poss, 1m elsewhere.  
Additional layer of protection.  
Additional mitigation, but not substitute

DE

Bus only 25% full?

DFI

still planning - but have extra

buses in fleet.

Soc dist - adhering.

Wider benefits to face coverings.

Keep issue of soc dist under review.

Don't want message - face mask  
replaces soc dist etc.

DE

Children using T/link to get to school  
- buses 25% capacity.

DFI

2 different issues.

Strong case for mand. face cov.

Clear exemptions for health issues

Soc dist. on public transport -  
different issue.

DE

England - Tube - not 2m social dist.

Scotland - children can fill bus &.

1m social dist on public transport -  
not credible.

Face masks - wider issue.

Advice from CSA re children -  
children under 13 exempt.

Keep under constant review

Advice re face coverings not working  
mandatory - wd be better.

Mitigation for society.

DOH

Concern re paper

Para 24 - Template to be signed  
by 3 July.

No time to implement.

DFI

Happy to amend date in paper to next week

CMO

Evidence strengthening re face  
wearing - strongly recommend.  
Valid point re shielding.  
Older people use public transport.  
Protection of public service workers  
- London Transport workers exposed.  
Consistent with change in advice re  
visiting hospitals/care homes.  
Cultural change required - Autumn/  
Winter.  
London Transp - big increase in  
using face mask.  
Encourage use on public transp.

DFI

Ferry / flight / train from Dublin  
- have to wear face mask.  
Consistency.

FM

Criminalisation of people with no face  
masks - Convention Rights.  
Rec'd legal advice  
Can be defended if seen as proportionate  
- careful how regs are framed  
Wd prefer guidance.

DFI

Officials have draft regs  
Signal today, do from Mon?

DOH

No - too tight  
Next Thurs/Fri - don't want to rush

- seek DSO + AG advice.

FM Move to mandatory from next Fri

DFI gives me time for messaging.

FM Agree Resum? (10 July, not 3 July)

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Ad Hoc

dfm Sp Note.

DFC I will bring issues next week.

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Other Exec issues

dfm None

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AOR

dfm None

Next meeting

dfm Mon @ 2.00 pm.

