4-5-20

FM	HOCS	DOH
DAERA	dFM	DE
JML	JMK	DFE
DFI	DOJ	DOF

FM Intro

① FM Minutes

Agreed? (Yes)

② COVID-19 Report

DOH Not a lot of change since Fri
Dashboard
69 Care homes - C-19 cases
Lot of work going on
"Safe Home" project - staff staying 7 days at a time - but TU require further negotiation before agree^{m}.
N/S + E/W
SHarris - ROI statem^{t} ~~ROI~~ Coope / Apple Tracking App - important to work together
DOJ - speech therapists
- rec'd letter from College of Speech Th - looking at issues, also PPE
DOJ - Blood Plasma trials - people who have survived COVID.
Blood Transfusion Service - no request to use NI blood.

NI needs plasma – anti-bodies.
NHS blood transfusion – same levels of concern as national service.

DOJ Helpful.
Assumed NI was part of plasma trial – we are, but not called on to collect plasma. Available to us to use?

Data App – problem – UK going for centralized system of data collection.
Irish Govt – same as Germany / France – hold own data, allow access.
Most of Europe – non-centralized data
GB/UK – centralized.
2 separate systems – will cause diffs. No idea why opted for separate approaches.
Cd cause problems for travel over-seas.
Worth raising with UK Govt.

DOH Plasma – just because we haven't provided samples won't keep us out of using any resulting [ ].

App – weren't aware UK/ROI had different approach to App.
Public confidence
Speaking to Health Mins in GB later

We haven't seen anything concrete, no firm decisions.

dFM Decentralized app - more take up, we shd go that route
Worth DOH taking forward.

Meeting with ROI DOH / 2 CMOs - when?

Any views re patients re Cystic Fibrosis - any facilities? Specialist service.

DOH Comm raised CF last week.
Centralized service reduced - CF more susceptible to COVID. Will re-engage a.s.a.p. No COVID outbreaks in NI hospitals relating to specialist services.
Re-engage in within next month.

* App - my preference - decentralized - depends on skills - discussing with Chief Digital officer. DOH GB - trials in Isle of Wight.

[Third Sector Resilience]

dSFC Update.

(3) (4) Action log
SIT REP

HOCS Traffic [ ]
- PSNI - people driving to parks

(4) (5) Traffic Data.

DFM Paper circulated.

DFI Why are people travelling?
Volume of traffic does not give reason
Mobile phone data.
As an Exec, - need evidence base
Why dept gets lot of Qs - we say we are analysing.
We need agreed message a.s.a.p.

HOCS Exec decided it wd not publish pr fear of [perverse] incentive.
PSNI - wariness re enforcing more rigorously
If we publish figs showing more traffic, more people will decide to also go out.

DFI Always knew looking at traffic wd not give reasons
Need to understand before we decide to relax regs

HOCS — Haven't seen mobile phone data

DFI — When?

HOCS — Don't know - ONS providing.

CStewart — In hand.
Traffic data - can't give us more reasons.
ONS - opp to draw on info from mobile cos.
Getting under way - no timefram - couple of days/weeks.

DOS — Getting more contact from people in tourist areas - incoming visitors, more traffic increases, harder to police. Need more info - where next re relaxation.
Upr N/Hards Rd - much busier.
Lot of this work-related.
Rush-hour/rest of day - 12% increase = gridlock.
Traffic can flow steadily...

dFM — HOCS - will come back to this, keep on agenda.

Decision making - C/virus.

dFM — Expectation that Exec will publish

Roadmap.
HOCS - some initial work.

HOCS — Next review before 9 May. Discuss this Thurs. Increasing expectation Exec will move forward.
Irish Govt - roadmap last Fri
GB - this week.
Key challenge - set out issues to be considered, tests to be applied.
Challenge - set out timetable, phases
Precise steps
Welcome - steer from Mins - what they wd like to see.

dFM — Led by measures (?). Take Ministers' views.

DOF — Useful to have discussion, important that people have sense of light at end of tunnel.
W/E, good weather
Have to be done in measured way
Mitigate as well as we can against increase in #s.
How to put in place social distancing?
Necessary - testing/tracing in place.
If behaviour + control of #s are positive, can take next steps.
Need broader community testing.

DOI

Agree - need clear strategy. All at one go, not revealing at end of each 3 weeks.
Staged approach - set out what pubic shd do, how we will support financially - guidance
Communication is critical - people anxious re lack of clarity.
Uncertainty.
Give clarity at each stage.
Community testing/tracing.
Masks - jury is out. Give consideration re public transport - drivers died in London.
Face protection.
Co-ordination E/W + N/S.
Difficult - border.
Furlough scheme. Complicated situation in NI.

ROI - v clear info; wd prefer to have stages / test: allow to bed in, see impact before next stage - both said - it takes time for changes to reflect in cases etc.

End point - what wd look like? eg prisoners being transported for remand hearing - virtual system better;
home-working - benefits for child-

care.
More flexible working arrange^{M} – child-care issues better, environ^{M} impact, less traffic.

DFI — Agree – need strategic, phased approach; led by medical + scientific advice; + unions.
Communication v important
Need clear position re masks.
~~First~~ social distancing
New normal – can't fail to learn lessons.
Meeting on Wed – CMO / CSO.
Have to bring public with us.

SWK — Doc from Dublin on Fri – roadmap sets bar against which we will be measured.
Also STR from London.
STR o/view with tactical plans.
Avoid piecemeal approach.
3-week reviews / reviews within subsets – to ~~add~~ advise on how plans are working
Education – back to school, college.
3-month trajectory – May, June, July
Sub-sectors within that – HCS + officials.
Best medical / scientific advice

Community testing/tracing.
Need agility to reimpose restrictions if we don't achieve progress, or if cases/infections rise.

Messaging - contractual approach.
Govt - responsibility to bring forward STR - but need to hear from other walks of life how this will be taken forward - churches, sport bodies, GAA, Rugby; need to be clear ~~on~~ how they can provide social distancing/ delivering public health.

Masks / face coverings - need to consider.
CMO / CSO view on temperature testing - becoming an increasing phenomenon. Confidence building

DFE Agree with a lot. Communities have done a lot to keep virus at bay - don't want to go back.

Paper on safer working - lot of anxiety / fear. People afraid to go back into work / life - success of 'stay at home' message. Sent letter yesterday.

DFI — No time to review
Consider on Wed, or later tonight.

DFE — Was told by officials paper had been viewed by DOF officials, who were content.

V urgent.
Lot of businesses contacting me.
Can it wait to Thurs.

Clear by urgent procedure.

Tackles issues people have raised
- small businesses 1–9 employees,
also some provision for later.
If not today, urgent decision request.

Social enterprises, charities

DOF — I wasn't aware [ ].
DOF asked re group scheme,
recognize risk
- give Min direction? Required
to be outlined in paper.
Exec agree w Min direction.

OFM — More work to be done
— urgent procedure.
before Thurs.

DFC — Exec Thurs
ONS – housing reclassification.
– on agenda for Thurs.

dFM — If cleared, will put on agenda.

Thurs instead of Wed, as bit of work to be done.

DFT — We need to get sight of paper a.s.a.p – HOS to circulate before Thurs (Recovery paper).

DOH — Time for Thurs?

dFM — Will let people know

DOH — Due to meet committee on Thurs am.

dFM — Will let people know later today – start 9.00/9.30 Thurs