

1-5-20

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1.15 dFM Intro

① minutes

Irrelevant & Sensitive

dFM minutes agreed? (yes)

② COVID update

DOH

2 papers

- Modelling

Slide presentation by Jan Young
for yesterday's meeting

- Growth rate - new cases - 7-day
average. Decrease in pos. cases
in NI.

- Starting to see decrease - hospitals.
- ICU / COVID - showing decrease

since beginning Apr.
- Deaths - 7-day moving average -
removed troughs/peaks.
Showing decrease since 19/20 Apr.
R0 less than 1,

Social distancing - behaviours / data,
gathered from google. Reduction
in commercial activity, increase in
residential area.

TomTom data - traffic in Bfs.
R0 value = 0.8

COVID is decreasing slowly - model.
Where we are now - pressures on
ICU beds in coming months

R0 =

R1+ = current ICU capacity wd
not cope.

Weekly update
More detail.

NISRA figures for last week
- COVID anywhere on death cert -
may not be cause of death, could be
underlying other causes.

Variance constant - all deaths.

Breakdown - care homes, hospices,
residential

Hospital deaths - decreasing

Care home deaths - increasing

Same trend as EOT, Wales,

Scotland etc.

We have smaller no. of homes affected - halted spread.

dfm Modelling - helpful to understand impact

DFE Really interesting, need to think about. How many ICU beds in NI? How many held for COVID, how many for other illnesses?

COVID 19 - harm to health, families. Significant harm to economy. DFE officials preparing paper for next week.

DoH Need to co-ordinate approach - poverty kills.

[] ICU beds, COVID - non COVID

Spare ICU bed capacity = 33

Step some COVID - ICU beds down

- bring down, while ensuring we have COVID capacity.

DFE 33 spare ICU beds in system. Cancer patients can't have surgery because beds held for COVID. Risk of infection.

COVID treated in different location to non-COVID?

Bring beds back to system?

DOH Most spare ICU beds in COVID wards.
Strategic planning - when / where we can re-engage other patients.
May have to relocate some patients.

DFE Timescale?

DOH No fixed date.
Work ongoing - priority for DOH.
Not just beds, but staff as well.
Jan - nurses on strike because not enough nos - still not enough nurses. Want to be in position to have full capacity.

DFE ICU beds but not enough ICU staff?

DOH Agree^m across UK - change during COVID, ratio of ICU nurses - instead of 1:1 is now 1:6 patients. Upskilled nurses to be team managers.

DAERA Beyond COVID, how whole health service - COVID reducing, when will other services pick up?
Cystic fibrosis, cancer, TIAs
Moving up a gear in other areas of health as COVID recedes?

DOH COVID - thinned down other services, did not stop fully.
Get red flags back in service a.s.a.p.
Some private sector capacity.
Can't just return to business as usual - in case of another surge.
Strategic planning - have other services ongoing even with another surge.

DAERA Huge pressure already on health service even without COVID.

DOH. Waiting lists
Increase in ED, GPs - people who should be there.

DAERA Care homes - doing enough to shift focus?

DOH Some Trust areas - homes where senior staff sick; lot of work to support homes.
Looking for volunteers to help care homes
Small no of homes - Trusts have stepped into managerial role if required.

DFI Why is virus expanding in care homes while reducing elsewhere - staff?

DOH

Doing work to check - surveillance testing.

COVID in 70 homes

Can transfer from patient/resident to resident.

Re-engage health service - have to prioritise.

Regional approach - if we pick one hospital for eg gall-bladder, will be criticism re removing local services.

Utilize testing capacity.

JMK

NISRA / publicity.

Content you have robust recording system?

DOH

Content with own figs, dashboard
NISRA - official body.

Our figs - surveillance

NISRA - more in-depth

We look - COVID as cause of death

NISRA - COVID anywhere on death cert.

JMK

NI/ROI - co-ordinated approach?

DOH

No ROI CMO at meeting -
didn't go into detail without
2 CMOs present - meeting
deferred.

JMK

Timeframe for reconvened meeting,
keep us updated.

DOH

No time in diary yet, will keep you
updated.

DE

Care homes

Trust interventions - same approach/
level of intervention across Trusts

Elderly / vulnerable - greater popor-
cussions.

Get message out - still accom
available in hospitals for all people
who need it - eg. stroke.

School - pupil suicide.

Image re reduced capacity.

DOH

Lockdown - taking toll.

Fear of hospital easing.

May look different - care still there,
may be online rather than in person.

Trusts aware -

Care homes mostly private, Trust CEOs
have moral responsibility for patients
- stepping in to provide support.

Need to recalibrate relationship.

Content with support to care homes.

Meeting today with [] (Eddie).

③ Action Log

dFM Sp Note.

④ Sit Rep

HOCS

Traffic data analysis

Social distancing

Report to FM/dFM today, Exec on Wlon

Some increase in commercial traffic

NISRA - mobile phone data - anonymised.

Airports - support announce⁴¹

Councils / SOLACE engage⁴¹.

DFE - [Collaps]

⑤ Food Security

FM

Sp Note

DFE

Massive issue for NI. Trying to keep supply lines open - fragile.

DEFRA at UK level

DAERA for NI?

I was at Rfs Int A/P -freights in + out.

DAERA Officials not keen, I don't mind.

FM Agree DAERA in lead + Recomm in paper?

(Yes)

DAERA Food sampler PR Exec?

COVID 19 Strategy + Plan.

FM Sp Note.

Note Recomm?

(Yes)

⑥ Ad Hoc Comm

FM Sp Note

DE State^m Tues - not COVID topical issues.

~~DAERA~~
DOH

I wasn't aware - now doing

Supplementary Qs.

⑦

No papers

⑧

AOR

FM

DOJ - Chief Const / CFlanagan ROI.

Garda / PSNI - liaison ongoing.

2 bank holiday weekends

Worry re handling

Turn people away at border

- co-ordinating to ensure same approach, essential purposes only.

Joint Press State^m this week also next week - essential travel messaging.

Joint state^m

Deliberations re relaxation

Policing

Guidance - co-operation ongoing.

Taoiseach - roadmap for recovery but no timeline.

Co-ordinate - announce^m at similar times.

Co-ordinated approach to messaging - NI/ROI.

We have to follow GB but may diverge from national messaging.
Clarity ~~re~~ re messaging.
People in border areas

Domestic abuse - welcome work re legis, other areas of justice - messages of support

Deew Harris (Garda) helpful.

FM ROI - announce^m re way forward
Tues, Wed - Thurs.

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Recovery

DFI Recovery paper/discussion?

FM Doh - paper on Regs.

DOJ Adhbc approach(as now)

OR

Set out phases of recovery + highlight

what is required for each phase.
Wd prefer structured plan - wd give people certainty we are planning ahead, + know what to expect.

DoH paper - look wider than health evidence - police, travel
wider plan for recovery to see what will be required at each stage
How best to do this?

We are being led by medical evidence - but need to look at other issues

Suite of measures - impact on public perception.

~~key~~ engage^m by key depts - thinking ahead.

FM HCS doing work on all those issues,

DFE For info - I have been doing wider piece of work - impact on economy, with share paper.
National call - safer workplace guidance, have already done for NI. GB guidance next week - local govt, schools etc.
Will respond to DoH paper with paper on wider issues.

DAERA We shd be looking towards

standards, not pick + mix,
meet standard or not meet standard,
Trace / isolate, restore normality,
lockdown not tenable
Reactivate economy, health service,
limit damage to education - but
continue to drive COVID down.

FM HOCS - Taoiseach going to speak re
roadmap, also Wales / Scotland.

HOCS Aim to have draft COVID decision
doc for FM / dFM this pm.
Look at Scots / Welsh
DOH - Review of Regs - paper next
Wed. Complete before 9th
9 = Sat, 8 = bank hol, decisions
on Wed, announce^m on Thurs.
FM / dFM state^m to Ad Hoc Comm -
agree sequencing - Mon + Wed next
week.

DOF Standards
Construction paper - COVID standards,
happy to have on agenda next week.

FM Consider on Mon - good for
Construction to know Govt loading.

DOH TEO / C Stewart bringing paper on

what exec plans want to do -

FHOCs

Paper was issued to IDH officials -
are considering,