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Intro

(1) Minutel 13 Aug

Agreed? yes

(2) COVID update

DDH

Well trailed position.

Increase in positive cases

1.2 - 1.6 R no

above target

43 pos tests per day - almost double.

Testing, same nos, more pos rates.

7 day average - 15 per 100,000

- up from 10

Above RDI + rest of GR.

International concerns.

9 hospital admissions in past week.

3rd week of rolling care home

testing prog.

lowest - 2 weeks ago = 8,

now [15].

Still OK - managing COVID in

care homes, no big increase.

Feedback - pos actions

4-Churches - face coverings

Hospitality Mates - rogue traders

Battle against complacency.

Test / trace - 80+ cases led to

60+ contacts.

Keep pushing message -
Pos contacts in system - 95% hit
rate - 80% considered successful.
186 contacts - able to get further
715 contacts, chased 695 -
contact system working v well,
good level of engage^m / success.

Fm Congrats on contact/tracing,
Need to get back to basics - SOC ○
distancing, hand hygiene.
Target people who are causing
prob's - house parties, pubs.
Gaming system - fines £50
too small. Bigger fines wd
work better.
Need to speak to police - close
down pubs which are open but
no food
Get tough ○
< Officials to look at reqs to see
what we can do.
Hospitality guidance - shd be in
regulation so we can follow up.

DOH Agree - we haven't enforced
reqs we have. Spoke to AEC to
speak to TEO re other orgs who
can enforce - eg Councils.
Rather than regional lockdowns,
look at local area enforcement -
targeted.

Weddings

Guidance for funerals - look at weddings

Golin Neil Hoop Ulster - excellent support, target rogue traders, Night Club - dFM constituency - served pod at 8.00 - then drink all night.

FM Then guidance to regs.

DOH Golin has written to Diane + Carol - creative use of laws already there.

CMD Observation
Significant regs in place - do more to enforce!
PSNI ready + willing - targeted intervention.
Pubs - gaming system.
Take action.
Resources - areas where we have concerns.
Chief Const supportive
2 additional powers.

DPS Concern - rise in cases.
Facing uncertain Autumn.
Exec shd remember
- Press Conf - DOH / CMD / CSA framed Exec response in COVID/

health perspective.

lot of calls from businesses -
impose lockdown again - v worried
for business people. Concern re
mental health.

lockdown / measures - have big
impacts beyond those causing
problems.

Business concern - damage to
business confidence

Shopping centre Ballymena -
54% reduction in footfall -
rumour of COVID case.

COVID - test of economy, ability to
recover.

Damaging business confidence
- lockdown / measures.

Remind - lockdown - full / loc
- won't be funded by Treas,
will be for exec to fund.

End of furlough - severe
warning re conduct / dis course
on matter.

Opening of economy / tourism
- generally has gone v well.

Tackle people abusing system
- deal with rogue element.

Regs rather than guidance.
Be aware of impact of words
on

DOH

Disappointed at attitude of DFE

Health Press Conf, not Exec press conf.

Message - re-engage people in health restrictions to avoid lockdown. Back to basics - soc distancing.

Health Press Conf - if DFE wants to do economy Press Conf, OK.

I have supported step back from regs, reopening of shops
Wider issue in B / mend.

Message from DOH - concern re increase in no of COVID cases.

Not now to avoid full lockdown.

DFE passion for economy - listen to what was said.

DFE

Incredibly concerned re rise in cases - I undertook to report to you response of business people.

Massive concern re impact of poss lockdown.

Some people - doing everything right.

Need to keep economy open, but do it safely.

Businesses hanging on by fingertips.

Support health message.

FM

Deal with small minority causing probs.

AFM

Share concerns

Worrying trajectory.

Needed steen message this week

Assist with enforce^m message

x FM / AFM to meet with PSMD,

also other enforce^m bodies.

Avns packed - 18/35 age grp.

Priority - schools to reopen.

Monitor situation.

Avoid lockdown.

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Support regs rather than

guidance - officials to consid

DOJ

Seerious situation.

Needed to monitor behavioural
change to opening up - people

relaxing too much.

life / livelihood - have to
choose life.

Needed stark message last

week - people have to take

responsibility for own actions.

Wake up call, reminder.

Welcome strong health message

- key message - people need

to adjust behaviour.

Enforce^m - can't enforce

guidance, need regulation.

Stretching boundaries - focus

on those people.

~~reg~~ Can't have different

enforce^m of regs in different

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areas.

Regs / guidance complicated

- issues need clarity.

Policing local outbreaks - target those breaking law.

Place-by-place basis - has to be set out in regs - can't have differential policing.

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FM

Agree - police need direction on how to deal across NI. Don't see strength of enforce^m

Enforce^m - not just in hot spots - deal with people who are offending.

DH

Conversation with ~~Heath~~^{Tom} - use of resource.

Give him I & J info on focused areas.

AWD happy to support.

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DS

Happy to raise with CE - response, tread carefully.

DE

Element across board - challenge complacency.

Focused interventions.

level of focus - eg road safety issue causing lot of deaths, wld focus message on cause.

Move from guidance to strict

regs.

If draconian with some people so be it
life/livelihood -

lockdown - innocent will suffer
instead of guilty.

Different actions / actions

Responsibility - COVID/self-isolate
- disregarding advice. Any
assess^m of problem?

DOH Power to self-isolate - no 'arrest
provision

Return from foreign travel.
Will check with PHA.

CMO. When nos. were smaller, kept in
touch with people self-isolating.

DE Public health campaigns - drink/
driving, seatbelts. Shaming -
public attitude. People - testing
nos, disregarding advice.
Publicly unacceptable - shift
mindset.

FM Drink driving - cultural issue,
but also strong enforce^m.

DOH Aberdeen outbreak - traced to
pub crawl - spread COVID into
other premises (timing & from
DOH).

FM officials - moving from guidance to regs.
Target people who are reckless.

③ Action log

FM Sp note.

Haulage / Axis
- sp note
discussion offline.

④ COVID Manage^m

DOJ Recovery of Justice System
TED requests for info - will respond.

Challenges to justice system - COVID.
Increased use of virtual hearings,
virtual visits.

Many independent orgs delivering justice - my dept co-ordinating.
Court system re-opening -
floor to ceiling refit of some courtrooms.

Screens, amplification to avoid projecting voice, disinfection.

Hope to have other courts in use by end Sept.

Jury trials.

PfG 2021, NDNA - need justice to remain a priority.

Early intervention work.

Difficult to deliver some initiatives.

Attended summer school - benefits for young people.

Social anxiety re return to school.

Backlog in justice system - reduced by 10% at start of year.

Need to be cognisant of fact - things moving slowly.

Paper - good overview of progress
Assess workhouse for reopening.

DFE

Issued response - concern re language re young people; tribunals, will write to you.

DOJ

Youth justice - DOJ/DOH taking forward with DE.

Complex needs

Provide support - without custodial sentence if possible.

Tribunals - challenge.

Working with DOF - 'Nightingale' courts - find space for tribunals.

Every trial now needs 2 court rooms - one for jury consideration.

Jury rooms too small.
Starting with shorter trials.
Nervousness - can work with DFE
re space to accelerate tribunal
service.

FM Noted? (Yes)

~~Health Regs - First Renew
(No 2 Regs)~~

DOH

LPP/LAP

Assess^m - we do need regs to
be in place.

FM Agree reword? (Yes)

Amends re Travel Regs
(195 + 199)

DOH

In place since 15 Aug.
Meeting before Exec re
countries.

JRO - Croatia / Austria to be
added - next amend^m

Great than 20 cases per 100,000

FM Note reword in both papers?
(Yes)

3rd Review - Travel Regs

DDH Review - still need Regs.

FM Noted? Yes

Indicative Timeline

FM Sp Note:

Noted?
Agreed? Yes

Higher Ed - funding.

DFE: Will need more uni cases than we currently fund.
QUB - need up to 1000 extra cases.
UU - have not indicated need for further places.
£5.6 m for this year
Next 3/4/5 years of funding - recurrent funding.
Teaching branch.
£3 m for student loan co.
Situation v fluid - won't know until we get final position from QUB + UU.
Will engage with DOF.

Cost for this year + future years,
Incumbent on us to find funding.

- Upgrade in GCSE grades - impact
on ~~higher~~ ^{the other} ed colleges, also schools
(6th form)

- Too early to know - will have
further figs GCSE next week,
A-level students incoming year -
significant disruption to school
system / learning.

Ramifications from lockdown for
cohort of students taking exams
next year.

BTEC results - issue re A-level
grades, BTEC shd have same
opportunity.

OFQUAL instructed Pearson to
review - sit as 11 OR higher
grade.

Don't anticipate same issue
- BTEC - portfolio of work.

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Regulator - scale of issue.

HE - 2 flows of students.

UCAS - 10% of pupils got
improveⁿ.

High tariff courses - medicine.

Upflow from low tariff high
demand - sports science -

foundation / PE. Now upgraded
& eligible for uni.

- Not just one cohort in system.

2021 cohort - interruption
Some students this year will defer for a year - not a good uni experience.

Separate paper on schools impact.

U12 - leave school, go to FE. Section of pupils - will prefer to stay in school.

Cost - schools - each 1000 who stay, cost = £6 million
School meals, uniform grants.
Exercise to assess costs.

HE side
Financial probs for FE sector.

PM Agree Remun? (Yes)

Ad Hoc Comm

AFM Mind next week - Ad Hoc Com

DOH Press Conf 4.30, + next Tues Health Press Conf - health message. Other mind to join in?

PM Consider with EIS re Exec message

AFM Agree

(6) Other Exec Issues

dFM None

HDR

DOJ Public Health England being disbanded - Hancock said 'not fit for purpose'. NI used lot of advice from PHE. Any concerns re health messages.

DOH No concerns - individuals who give advice will move to new body. Political issue in GB. Track/Trace consuming PHE. 4 Nations call before announceⁱⁿ. Need clear points of communication.

DOJ Opportunity for NI to have more influence, to shape wider policy - funding. Rebranding exercise?

DOH When we asked Qs, ~~there~~ not a lot of answers, but overarching role for 4 CMOs. PHE won't disappear until next Apr. National body - input from all jurisdictions. Rotate around all.

DAs.

Vulnerable households / schools

DDP

Emphasis on return to school -
lot of Qs from constituents -
member of household shielding/
children at school.

Uniform - regularly wash.

Clear advice / guidance -

living with higher risk people;
breakout in school.

DE

Detailed response to letter.
Tribute to CMO/CSA - PHA
guidance.

Medica - manufacture differs
between us - we have worked
closely.

Last Thurs - detailed guidance
issued to schools + parents.

Risk assess^m

Mitigation measures.

Recommended / permissible

Pupils - working with health,
vulnerable families / children
- safer at home.

Risk assess^m -> school, GP,
parents. Not a large no.

Vulnerability - certain
precautions

Uniforms - overall control,

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Wash regularly.
 No power to impose on schools re uniform - school responsibility.
 Don't want to create burden.
 Need uniform - change when they get home. No uniform - use same clothes. Risks to + from children - not within school.
 Will get written response + issue to all exec mins.

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DOJ. Wool blazer - impossible to wear every day.
 Hope schools will review.

SE Schools - need common sense approach.

AFM circulate letter to all.

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Irrelevant & Sensitive

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DOH Early onkey - Transnick Foods
 Testing in past few weeks,
 DAERA, PHA, HSENI - will

close on Sat - testing of staff,
deep clean, 35 pos cases.
Support industry, supply chain,
Safe processing of food.

DAERA

Animal welfare problem - 12,000
pigs per week.

Cookstown can take 4000 -
8000 pigs per week on farms,
sows giving birth.

Concern - animal welfare,
may have to come back to Dec
- want to avoid on-farm
slaughter. Can't send to
England. Need to open factory
asap.

People in factory - wore PPE
but not educated.

Hope it was right decision.

JMC

Drawing Tests.

Can be booked from 1 Sept?

When will first tests happen?

If only ~~for~~ key workers, when
will people be able to have tests?

RTE - 27 July.

DPI

Tests begin 1 Sept.

DoH Key workers identified.

Then - tests which have been
cancelled - Oct. Then other.

denied.

JML Backlog?

DFT Will check - think about 1000.

JML Estimate - when back to normal.

DFT Oct/Nov
Backlog, risk assess^{ment}, cleaning
has to be factored in.

JML Book Nov - same time delay.

DFT Nov - back to normal timescale
for applying/getting appt.

APM Next Exec meeting - 3 Sept.

