

20-8-20

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Intro

① minutes 13 Aug

Agreed? Yes

② COVID update

WTF in Well-trailed position.

Increase in positive cases

1.2 - 1.6% 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 ROI + rest of GB.

International concerns.

9 hospital admissions in past week.

3rd week of rolling care home testing prog.

Lowest - 3 weeks ago = 8,  
now [15].

Still OK - managing COVID in care homes, no big increase.

Feedback - pos actions

1) Churches - face coverings

Hospitality sector - 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<sup>m</sup>/ success.

FM Congrats on contact/tracing.  
Need to get back to basics - 20C O  
distancing, hand hygiene.  
Target people who are causing  
prob's - house parties, pubs.  
Paying 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 regs to see  
what we can do.

Hospitality guidance - shd be in  
regulation so we can follow up.

DOH Agree - we haven't enforced  
reg we have. Spoke to IASC 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

Colin Neill Hosp Ulster excellent.  
Support, target rogue traders.  
Night club - dfin constituency -  
several food at 8.00 - then drink  
all night.

PM Turn guidance to regs.

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

## CMO 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

additional powers.

DPE concern - rise in cases.

Facing uncertain Autumn.

Exec shd remember

- Press Conf - DOH / CMO / CSA  
framed Exec response in COVID/

health perspective.

lot of calls from businesses -  
impose lockdown again - v worse  
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.

Penina - lockdown - full / loco  
- won't be funded by Treas,  
will be for Exec to fund.

End of furlough - severe  
warning re conduct / discourse  
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 lock-down. 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 / menu.

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

Act now to avoid full lockdown.

DFE position 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 finger-tips.

Support health message.

FW deal with small minority causing probs.

DFM

Share concern

Worrying trajectory.

Needed stern message this week

Assist with enforce<sup>m</sup> message

- x PM / DfT to meet with PSNI,
- also other enforce<sup>m</sup> bodies.
- Arbs packed - 18/35 age grp.
- Priority - schools to reopen.

Monitor situation.

Avoid lockdown.

- x Support regs rather than guidance - officials to consid

DOJ

serious 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<sup>m</sup> - can't enforce guidance, need regulation.

Stretching boundaries - focus on those people.

Reg Can't have different enforce<sup>m</sup> of regs in different

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.

PM Agree - police need direction on how to deal across NI. Don't see strength of enforcement - not just in hot spots - deal with people who are offending.

DEH <sup>Tell</sup> conversation with Alan - use of resource.

Give him [redacted] info on focused areas.

AM happy to support.

CC Happy to raise with CC - response, tread carefully.

DE Element across board - challenge complacency.  
Focused interventions.

level of focus - eg road safety

Outstanding issue causing lot of deaths, w/o local message on cause.

Move from guidance to strict

ROGs.

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

lockdown - innocent will suffer  
instead of guilty.

Different actions / actions

Responsibility - COVID / self-isolate  
- disregarding advice. Any  
assess<sup>m</sup> of problem?

DOH

Power to self-isolate - no 'arrest'  
provision

Return from foreign travel.  
Will check with ATA.

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

DE

Public health campaigns - drink/  
driving, seatbelts. Shaming -  
public attitude. People - testing  
pos, disregarding advice.

Publicly unacceptable - shift  
mindset.

FHM

Drink driving - cultural issue,  
but also strong enforc<sup>m</sup>.

DOH

Aberdeen outbreak - traced to  
pub crawl - spread COVID into  
other premises (fining Q from  
DOP).

PM officials moving from guidance to regs.

\* target people who are reckless.

(B)

Action dog

PM Sp Note.

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Haulage Taxis

- sp note

discussion offline.

(C)

Covid Manage

NOTE Recovery of Justice System

TEO requests for info - will respond.

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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.  
July 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 court house for reopening.

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

DOF      Youth justice - DOJ/DOH taking reward with DSE.  
Complex needs  
Provide support - without custodial sentence if poss,  
Tribunals - challenge.  
Working with DOJ - 'Nightingale' courts - find space for tribunals.  
Weekly 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.

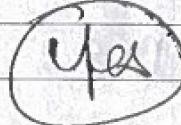
FM Noted? 

### Health Regs - First Review (No 2 Regs)

DH

LPP/LAP

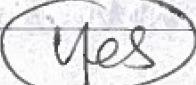
Assess'm - we do need reg's to  
be in place.

FM Agree reasoning? 

### Amends re Travel Regs (195 + 199)

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

IRO - Croatia / Austria to be  
added - next amend<sup>m</sup>  
Great than 20 cases per 100,000

FM Note reasoning in both papers?  


## 3rd Review - Travel Regs

DOH Review - still need Regs.

FM

Noted?

Yes

## Indicative Timeline

FM

Sp Note:

Agreed?  
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Yes

## Higher Ed - funding.

DfE:

Will need more uni cases than we currently fund.

QUB - need up to 1000 extra cases.

UNI - have not indicated need for further places.

£5.6m for this year

Next 3/4/5 years of funding - recurrent funding.

Teaching branch.

£3m for student loan co.

Situation v fluid - won't know until we get final position from QUB + UNI.  
Will engage with DfE.

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

- Upgrade in GCSE grades - impact on higher ed colleges, also schools (6th form)

- Too early to know - will have further figs GCSE next week.

A-level students in coming year - significant disruption to school system / learning.

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

BTech results - issue re A-level grades, BTec should have same opportunity.

Ofqual instructed Pearson to review - sit as U or higher grade.

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

Regulator - scale of issue.

HE - 2 flows of students.

NCAS - 10% of pupils got improvement.

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 School  
impact.

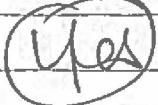
Y12 - leave school, go to FE  
sector of pupils - will prefer  
to stay in school.

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

HS side

Financial probs for FE sector

PM

Agree Resum? 

Ad Hoc Comm

dfm

Mine next week - Ad Hoc com

DfT

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

PM

Consider with EIS re exec message

dfm

Agree

## ⑥ Other Exec Issues

dPM None

ADR

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

DfT No concerns - individuals who gave advice will move to new body. Political issue in GB.  
Track/trace consuming PHE.  
In National call before announcement.  
Need clear points of communication.

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

DfT When we asked Qs, often not a lot of answers, but overarching role for 4 CMOs.

PHE won't disappear until next App.

National body - input from all jurisdictions. Rotate around all

DAs.

## Vulnerable households / schools.

DOF

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.

Medics - manufacture diffs  
between us - we have worked  
closely.

Last Thurs - detailed guidance  
issued to schools + parents.

Risk assess<sup>m</sup>.

Mitigation measures.

Recommended / permissible  
pupils - working with health,  
vulnerable families / children  
- safer at home.

Risk assess<sup>m</sup> → school, GP,  
parents. Not a large no.

Vulnerability - certain  
precautions.

Uniforms - overall control,

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 schools.

Will get written response + issue to all Exec Mins.

DGJ. Wool blazer - impossible to wear every day.

Hope schools will review.

DE Schools - need common sense approach.

AFM Circulate letter to all.

Op Harbacia

Irrelevant & Sensitive

DOTT Early birdkey - Transwick Foods Testing in past few weeks, DAERA, PHEA, HSEALT - 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 Exec  
- 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

Testing 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?

ROI - 27 July.

DPI

Tests begin 1 Sept.

1st Key workers identified.

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

denied.

EML Backlog?

DFT Will check - think about 1000.

EML Estimate - when back to normal.

ENI Oct / Nov  
Backlog, risk assess<sup>m</sup>, clearing  
had to be factored in.

EML Book Nov - same time delay.

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

DPM next Exec meeting - 3 Sept.

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