

13-10-20

FM

9.35pm

Meeting, convened - severe situation,
Intro - sp note.

DFT

Why Private Office informed @ [],
5 substantial papers.

Want adjourn^m to consider paper

Don't want repeat of RHI.

Can't take decision tonight - not
morally

FM

Directed at anyone in particular?

DFT

RHI report - recommend how to
take decisions.

FM

Give me time you want to come
back.

DFT

Not privy to info from Sunday
pm

Not equal treatment

Disrupt people's lives

Talked re reset

DOJ

Why was DOH paper circulated
to all depts as draft.

FM

Not always circulated in draft

DOJ

We didn't get paper on 11th -
paper refers to issue on 11th.
Haven't seen info, recommend

Why did we not get to see?

PM Paper on Summary
Engaged with DOH
Holistic approach to TEO.
Interrupting.

DOJ I'm interrupting.

PM Can't have Exec tonight.

AFM Saw DOH paper yesterday.

DFT Need 1½ hrs.

DOH We need to move on this.

DOJ Why was DOH paper not circulated to all Wills?
I always circulate to all Wills.

DOH Issued paper, asked for Exec meeting a.s.a.p.

DOJH wanted Exec meeting a.s.a.p.
Paper is there now
DOJ on Twitter.
Apologise if necessary

DOJ Treat people as equals.
I was brought in to Rubber stamp.

I will take []

DFM 11.00 Reconvene

DFT Narrative paper - explanation.

DOY DOH - additional data re Dorsey
DOH $\Rightarrow$ 971 yesterday, 969.7 today.
Maintaining, stabilizing, not
dropping

DOY Need to see impact to know if it
works.

DOH. Stabilizing.

DOY Data re schools - closed etc?

DE Data held by PHA.
Complication - ~~way~~ one school
may react differently.

DOY PHA info this evening?

DOH Will try to get.

EMO Not relevant to impact of school
hols / closures.
Testament - schools open safely.
Exec - combination of interventions.

DOY Need info - overall picture re
schools.

CMD Exec - 24 Sept.
Closure of schools - add reduction
of $[.2?]$ to R.

dfm FM has left.
Come back at 11.00
Get info from CMD.

DOJ Shd have info.
~~Spec~~

dfm Speak to DOJ / CMD.
Adjourn to 11.00 pm.

Recommend @ 11.14

fm Intro.

Modelling

DOJ Need big decision - well
rehearsed.
Further interventions D/Str -
levelling, but not enough.
Asked for Exec meeting asap on
Sun
Need dramatic effect on R.
Comparison today v first
wave
Recommend - pt 3b onwards.

Transcribed to TEO paper.

4-6 weeks

CWO/CSA - wd bring R below 1.

Stopped up [] facility.

ICU beds - nos in R/S.

Aetnagelvin supporting west.

Conversations - CWO/CSA - across islands 7/10 days ahead of other jurisdictions

We will be used as template.

Reown - transcribed into TEO paper.

DE

Stopping up - ICU - Nightingale.

Beds, also staff.

Maximising staff - any actions to increase volume of staff - med students, recall staff.

Self-isolate - 14 days - truncate time if test neg.

DOH

Staff have to follow guidance same as everyone else - no quick way back to work.

Relaunched workforce appeal -

V targeted - try to fill vacancies

Short of 3000 nurses.

Call by Fm - winter pressures -

Chief Nursing Officer - in touch

with counterparts in other admin

- challenge - ICU, ICU nurses.

TEO paper

FM Sp note.

AFM Paper responding to Doh Rescomm
- off license closing times - 8.00pm
(house parties) - addition to
paper
- indoor shopping centres, no
access from outside
- widest poss support - clean-
cut. Spoke to Doh/Chd -
content.

DFI Regret way meeting came about
Doh/TEO papers - not far
apart - insight into duration?
Diffs between papers - impact on
R.

CMO Para 2 reflects advice from CSA
CMO
Para 4 - consistent with previous
proposal.
Retail - access / ingress / egress
- approp. monitored / managed
- impact at margins.

CSA Some minor differences - some
increase impact, some decrease
- overall impact OK - will bring
R down to 0.7 / 0.9 depending

on schools decisions.

DFT Issue re transport

DOH officials to engage tomorrow to progress
Announce^m on Fri

DFT 4 weeks / 6 weeks
Need for 2nd intervention -
Christmas?

DOH Get to R 7 as early as possible
as long as possible.

CSA Hard to answer - uncertainty.
Modelling - need R @ 0.7 for
6 weeks - unlikely to get
beyond Xmas.
Assumptions re value of R.
Assume - keep at 1.3.
Dec / socializing - not be 1.4.
If we don't do as well as that,
may have additional demand on
hospital system.

AFM Only way to be successful -
support people we are asking to
comply.
Enforce^m
Local Govt - crucial
Conversation with retail - you will

be next if measures not successful
Need engage^m with sectors, compliance
etc

Communications campaign.

DAERA TEO paper - Agri issues - extract
provided by officials, not cleared by
PSec/Min - does not reflect my
X views - shd be removed
Science - restricting funerals
to 25 - impact on R?

CSA ~~Wag~~ Continuum - bigger groups
of people, more spread. Far
away from people - less spread.
25 = arbitrary.

DAERA No science, just assumptions
Churches cd hold hundreds of
people - much more than 25.
Funerals v important - people
can show respect. My father -
no respect at funeral.
What will happen - everyone
looking at Storey funeral.
Hypocrisy, cruel, will bring
ridicule on Exec.
Surprised at SF
Weddings - most important day.
Accept wedding party not
needed - but shd have meal.
Want to see science - didn't

get science. Sick of assumptions from experts.

CSA Weddings - science
Nos - much same as for funerals.
larger geps - more spread of virus
cluster associated with wedding

DAERA Wedding party/dancing?
Awful to attack most important day.
Give us science.

CSA Colleagues in UK - same advice to him.
Modelling does not allow precision

DAERA Unnecessary to impose - no evidence of impact.

DOF If we do this, will have to incentivize people - not enough in paper
Social, economic
Focus on what people can do - find ways to articulate.
Danger if we send message - stay in houses.
Vulnerable groups, how isolated people will get support.
Contact - important.
How to ensure support is provided

Need to know when this will start
— before wife to avoid blow-out.

Enforce^m — be realistic. If too
hard, will lose people.

Lot of restrictions — look at
greatest risk to public health —
list of where risk is highest.

Key drivers.

All promote compliance.

Regs — face coverings — draft ○
to link to original regs —

FPN — connect dots, officials to
help.

Identify key targets on
enforce^m.

Concern — no pathway out of this.
Crash diet.

Issue — lockdown/release

Extend period of lockdown —

sustain behavioural change ○

Diluted messages.

Better communications — target
groups least likely to comply.

Not sustainable to be in lockdown
for long time. Need pathway out.

Track/trace/test — not being
used properly. — Derez/streabane
— clusters, super spreaders.

Engage with retail — critical.

tax — need to do what they did ○
before.

If no prospect of relief over Xmas

won't bring people with us.
It lockdown at Christmas - people
won't comply.

Mental health - elderly, young
families.

Think carefully before reducing child-
care - struggle to cope.

Support - economic, social

Hold out hope to people.

Winter in lockdown - not feasible.

DFC

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Doing this since March -
discretionary support

Families, child benefits.

British Govt just catching up.

Additional staff

£500 - Barnett consequential
- need to bottom out.

Contingency plans - contacts for
isolated people.

Digital inequality - some families
- no wifi.

Comm/Vol sector - part to play -
social isolation.

Befriending.

RfS Trust - mental health/
financial concerns/isolation

Try to resolve as well as we can.

Clearer / better - messaging

PM X Updated for Exec Thurs - social
isolation.

DFE Struggle - protect health, we will damage jobs, livelihoods, prospects
V important element of paper -
continue to go to work. Good -
retail to remain open.

50% of trade for year - before
Xmas.

Worry - not one-off, mechanism
for COVID.

Can't turn economy on/off
Irreparably damage sector in
economy.

Biggest increase in unemployment
since 2012.

xx Paper offers no way out -
repeated interventions

Seems - no strategy to get out.
Can't be permanent way of life
for economy.

Tomorrow - Hosp exchange
event - Hosp industry to shut
down. We are destroying hosp
sector - students, chefs.

the Scheme - DfE put in place.
Can't allow hotels to disappear
Hoteliers - can't borrow.

Pubs will disappear.

Hotels - grateful for rates
relief, but not enough

DfE - £300 m in pot, grant
schemes DfE = £340 m - still
not enough.

Repeated lockdowns -

Support (Job) - not as generous as
first time.

Wrote to Fm/dFm - Fei - detail of
all funds we administered - but also
lot of people who were left out.

Also need recovery fund.

Terrible choice to make.

x Meet with Mins tomorrow - how to
support sectors.

Fm x Need conversations tomorrow re
financial interventions - raise
with DEF

Proposal - 4 weeks.

Then Exec to decide on further
interventions.

DS Childcare - knock-on effect, but
no additional restrictions.

Agree - DFE, DH&A, DWP

People - complacent, blasé

Also people - v frightened,
mental health. - gravitas
will lead to [I I]

Do not use term 'lockdown' -
impact on vulnerable people/
mental health.

Schools - gravitas of health
situation. Need to prioritize
young people.

Schools - critical not to leave

hanging - give certainty.
x Proposal
Half Term - extend 19-30 Oct
Schools reopen Mon 2 Nov
DE - 2 optional days, exceptional
closure days.

LPP/LAP

DOH Importance of ed
wd work for W
Agreeⁱⁿ on other considerations -
keep under continuous review
See exact wording
2 full weeks?

DE Typing - will send.
~~Key workers~~

DOH Key workers?

DE Can't put key worker child/
teaching in place in such
short time period.

YMK Scenario - what will 2 weeks
deliver? Set out scenarios for

3, 4, 6 weeks - impact of 2 weeks

DOH Reduce R

CSA Scenario - 4 weeks - 2 with $R_0.7$,
2 $R_0.9$. Schools closed 2
weeks $R_0.7$.
Same 2 weeks / different time
- match with DOH paper

JMK DOH now saying 2 weeks -
schools []

CSA Similar to Scenario 4 in paper.
Outcome - using assumptions Sc 4.

JMK Another intervention?

CSA Model assumed 1.4 in Dec -
challenge to hospital system
before X was
4 week period - achieve $R_{1.2}$

FM Incl efficiencies closing early -
beneficial impact?

CSA Beneficial effect

JMK Worry - 2 weeks school closure,
additional 2 weeks other measures
- not enough.
Diff with terms - lockdown,
enforce^m.

cd talk ourselves into inaction
Don't have pathway out -
suppress virus.

Careful in terms of balanced view.
Not wilfully destroying economy -
trying to prevent COVID damage.
Sheffield, Manchester, ROI -
older poorer people affected.
Need to double down - test, trace,
isolate; care home support;
community compliance; messaging
support for lowpaid workers;
small businesses.

Decision in Exec - need all parties
in Exec to support - key objective
= suppress virus.

dfm Share JMK concern - schools,
DE - online learning 2 weeks,
DOH - can move forward,
2 weeks
DE - terminology in chat,
content
x wd prefer 4 weeks as in model.

DOJ 2 weeks - if not enough [I.
Wrote to DE, DFI.
Spoke to CMO/CSA on Fri -
problem with schools transmission
- not in schools - parents at
gates, public transport
During 2 week period - use

private taxis etc - support taxis,
sustainable, better when we come
back.

Kids - masks in pockets.

Give instruction - wear mask.

Schools - sustainable approach.

Classroom fine - other aspects diff.

FM * CSH comments in chat

Use time to look at school transport.

parents - messaging - behavioural

x change - DSE/DE to work
together

DE

Advice today from PHA.

Mask - B+.

Enforce^u problem.

Social distancing on school buses -

huge volume of children.

Messaging to parents

Within schools - v little evidence of
transmission.

Problem - children / young people

away from school - not in controlled
environ^u

Always under review

x compromise proposal - wd prefer

- don't go beyond school hols.

My proposal - not 1st choice.

My priority

Resistant to extension.

FM All v difficult.

DPI x DE + I spoke before - with pick up
consideration - transport issue.
Reservations re schools -
message - mixed - restrictions,
but send children to school.
Off licences - if close early,
creates other problems, backlash.

FM Assess^m PHA - limited trans in
school settings

DFE papers - stand on own
merits - if people want to
discuss

TEO papers - agree recomm
+ additional info
CMD/CSA

Agree?

DPI Officials to meet tomorrow am.

ARM ZIS will create Q+A for all
mins
All on message tomorrow.
Morning news cycle
- but go to Assembly first.

DOY Para 4 - recomm

DNERR Made reservations known,
no impact on R Rate, huge
* impact on mental health.

dfm Additional support schemes
Derey / Strabane.

DDF Only change - record last
week - some additional business
change - GB lowest level [1
£800 p week pay^m.
Scheme needed - business closed
for over week.
Superseded by decision tonight.
Only those obliged to close [1
Scheme superseded by other
approach.
Close contact business scheme.
Need support now - but will
move to add other approach.

dfm Agree recomm? (yes)

Next meeting - Thurs or before.

DDH Media state^m for morning?

dfm EIS - agree^m reached, will
make state^m in Assembly
tomorrow a.m.

