

10-12-20

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Fm

Antico

① Minutes 3 + 8 Dec Agreed? (Yes)

M.H. 26-11

DOH amend^m

Agreed? (Yes)

② COVID update

DOH

Go ahead Pfizer vaccine
started to inject on Tues
610 care home staff + residents
vaccinated. WRTM - programme
JCVI recomms.

Prog. rolling out.

Depend on what vaccines we have.

Misinformation - vaccines incl MM,
abortion petrol.

Endorse^m - Bishops

BSS protest at vaccine centre -

I will put out state^m - counter-info.

- Xmas - care homes - make sure
homes / families follow guidance.

- Re comm - CMOs - re self isolation
from 14 days to 10 days - align
across all networks.

Aligns with HSE (ROT) advice

Brings into line

- Announce^m tomorrow, implement
on Mon.

CSA

Slide presentation

Headline NOS - R paper

No of cases over past week - 25% increase in cases - consequence of week of relaxation.

Disappointing - no decrease in cases after 2 week restrictions.

Will become apparent - next few days.

Local Govt districts - 10 out of 11 had increases

Mid/East Antrim - highest no of cases.

Testing - demand increase, still within capacity. Test positivity - stabilizing, not declining.

Rest of UK / Grl

Wales - upward trajectory, will need further restrictions

England - same as NI, Scotland less, DIT - much lower

Hospital adm - 25% increase in past 7 days - concerning.

Indication of what is to come in patients - have stopped declining, will rise

ICU - will rise.

Deaths - no evidence of decline.

R - was up to 1.2, now 1 or slightly above

R - hosp adm - rising.

mobility - Rfs traffic data TomTom
message - stay at home - unsuccessful.
Not same as wave 1.

Reflects - schools open, retail
shopping centres - v busy, abuse of
click/collect

People can browse in-store, collect
from till.

lot of retailers abide by rules.

Expect decline in tests pre-Xmas -
will be reluctant to get tests. Case
nos will fall, but will not reflect
reality of transmission - will try to
monitor through other means.

FM large clusters - connected to?
Trends?

CSA Some assoc with schools, 1 assoc with
church.

Also some ref to shopping centres
- discussing with councils, AHA.

FM Any way to tell if directly related
to church?

CSA Confident - large churches -
clusters.

CMO R from DFC.
Provide correct info.

Vaccines stimulate immune system
- sore arm etc. - sign vaccine is working - system is reacting.
Stronger anaphylactic reactions not unexpected.

2 cases - strong reaction, previous history of reaction to vaccine.

HMRA - looking at evidence, UK and meeting - advice - individual with severe allergy - not to rec. vaccine at this time - precautionary approach.

No adverse reactions in NI, Scotland, Wales.

Support pathways, staff can deal with reactions.

Immuno-suppression - need antibodies - work ongoing.

Vaccines don't work - underlying conditions.

AFM Not where we wanted to be in before Xmas.

Things we need to do - when will we take decisions re interventions? Evolving towards end of year?

DOH

Next week - bring forward - discussion paper or new restrictions.

Will probably need further restr

after Xmas.

Waiting to see benefit of current restrictions - clustered impact on fogs.
5 days relaxation - need strong messaging - up to people of NI - decisions they take on to behaviours.

AFM Advice - move from 14 days to 10 days - why? ^{scientific} ~~total~~ advice still 14 days?

DOH Scientific advice CMO, CSA
4 nations agree - 10 days easier to comply with.

CMO Most infectious period - few days before symptoms develop, also 1st 7 days. Keeping under review since start of pandemic.
14 days - lot of people not complying. Recognition of emerging science, also behavioural issues, - more likely to be adhered to. Also considering application to travel.

CSA 10 days after infection, risk of transmission lower. 10 days easier to comply with. SAGE Review - 10 days self-isolation better re transmission.

AFM Mass testing update?
EIS - messaging update?

DOH Mass testing - pilot in QUR + care homes, also schools in dimroady.
No confirmation of Nos - enough to start pilots.
QUR - 500 students tested, non positive.
Still planning, but checking pilots.
Will put into work places, meat factories.
Hospitals in Rf's Trust have started prog.

aFm Welcome DAEPA.

CMcN Community messaging.
Fm/aFm to meet SO'Neill - mental health.
Xmas period - shop safely campaign
Partnership with Cool Fm.

Fm School cluster - associated with party outside school.
School closed.

DE Completely unthinking attitude.
School - parent keeping child off school to go to party.
Vaccine - 90% effectiveness, medical categories - less receptive

to vaccine

100% not getting vaccine - any way to determine effectiveness?

emo

Any vaccine approved by MHRA - only if it is safe - world renowned standards.

95% effective - extremely high rate, never seen before.

Some individuals not susceptible to vaccine - protection provided by larger nos getting vaccine, makes them safer - keep virus at low levels of circulation, protects those who can't use vaccine.

CSA

May develop [] in future, long way off.

DE

[] critical - getting as much dis-information out of the way as possible. Anti-vax lobby.

Dis-info - content of vaccine, kill off level of dis-information.

Pilot - Linawady - Testing.

Early detection.

Broad brush approach.

Planning for Jan - DH paper next week - restrictions. Increased hosp. in Jan - capacity planning in DH paper.

EIS - get people on ground - Ed Authority Youth Service -

work together re messaging.
Risk - behavioural attitude - parties
homes, reaction to vaccine - can
afford to relax.
Messaging - behavioural change.

CMO Testing - schools - supportive.
Close bubbles rather than a few
grp.
Messaging - don't lose benefits
gained - vital piece of work.

DFT Agreed DM - discuss early, prepare
businesses.
CSA - abuse of click/collect -
enforce^m action?
Synopsis of comparative performance
- reasons/factors in keeping R/
was low?

CSA Shopping centres - enhanced contact
tracing - exploring reasons for
increase in local govt district.
Council officers checking.
Some super-spreader events -
can't be predicted.
Internal info - shopping centres bus
- Comparison - countries - extent/
direction of restrictions have most
impact.
Wales - 17 days, then reopen.
17 days not long enough.

Wales - contact tracing model seen as best - but need to address transmission issues.

DOH Lot of e-mails to DOH - improvements!
23-27 Dec - increase in public transport in Scotland/Wales etc - need safe capacity.
DFI/DFE input - carriers putting prices up - address? Outside this meeting?

DFI Translink - additional capacity for students etc.
50% capacity, masks, social distancing.
Monitor closely.

DMK Welcome DOH - conversation next week.
Third phase on top of 2nd wave still ongoing.
If don't succeed in suppressing R/nos, will face torrid time in Jan - need early discussion - way forward.

DFE Costs - Rfs/London - lack of flights
Hope Easyjet will have more flights.
Few weeks ago - conversation - we gave + 9 Schapps - ease restrictions for business people - inward
x Investment - not for this meeting

DOH

Happy to discuss

x Reducing nos - international travel
Get officials to follow up.

DPE

x wrote to Alok Sharma -
inward investment - wd like to
follow up - NI prog.

DAERA

Can't consider R rate until
next week + week after.

Half of transmission is household.

Restrictions after Xmas - shd
close off-licenses.

Close hairdressers - no sense.

Off-licenses - not prohibition,
not persecution to close church
not prohibition to close off-licenses

If DOH bring restrictions, but
don't incl off-licenses, will
leave gap in ar work.

Compressing 5 weeks shopping
into 3 weeks - fundamental
mistake.

Medical background discussions -
unease - people not being
allowed to do medical work.
Floors of city hospital empty.
Recovery plan.

Vacc-scheme will not be
magic bullet immediately -
when get to 200,000 - people

dying of COVID will be marginal - but
will die of cancer, renal failure etc.
Other areas of health frustrated &
angry - can't help people.

Excess deaths - not COVID only, lot of
other issues.

Need N Health service, not Nat COVID
service.

DOH Glad to see NAEHA back.
Agree - need to get back to normal
services - need no COVID in hospital.
Southern Health - experts from other
areas looking after ^{dom}patients in
other locations.

Manage hernias at regional level.
Need thinking re change - get on top
of waiting lists.

Need to run health service, transper-
matinal service at same time -
we are also running COVID service.
Waiting lists - Rec priority in 2020.

NAEHA Don't waste good crisis.

DOJ Tried to get judges to use remote
technology - now happening
because of COVID.

Best thing - capture some good
results.

Need to think of New Year now.
Households - can't ban.

Control re clusters - backtracking.
Places where clusters happen -
churches - services OK, but
engageⁱⁿ in car parks etc.

Ancillary behaviours.

Speak to faith organizations?

- Retail reopening - wrote to PM /
aPM / DFE - assisting to open
- managing queues, public
order - raising with Chief

Const.

Retail compliance group - DFE?

- Parties - irresponsible, parents
can be irresponsible - parties at
weekends. Worse to close school

Bubbling with families - don't
assume you have to.

Congrats - CMO handling of
adverse reaction to vaccine.

- Communication - myth-buster

- fetus, flesh-eating ~~vaccine~~
bug, lady - holes in feet, got
placebo, not vaccine

Head of Pfizer - claim sterility in
women - completely untrue.

Ant clear imp on NI Direct

- When schools to close?

Were due to close 18th - now have
go on to 20th (2 days in Oct).

Follow-up tracing - 5 days -

w'd bring them to Xmas day.

Close 17th Oct - clear 5 days

Teachers wd like to bubble with families
- need time.

DE

Check with officials - schools have
~~for~~ flexibility to close as required -
don't all start/stop at same time.
Dept does not say - must be in on
certain days.

lot of schools being flexible.

No compulsion apart from certain
no of days across whole academic
year.

FM

Actions

Circulated.

FM

Sit Rep

Circulated

Coronavirus Regs - Fifth Review.

LPP/LAP

FM

Agree Recommen - 14 Jan

Yes

Airports

DOF

Support for RfS Int, City.
Package 7.8m support for 2
A/PS.

Lesses - a/ps

Sept 2020 / Mar 21

Sept - Dec, Jan - Mar

Objective - get 1st pay^m out

Flagged up in paper -

needs dept with legis ability

⇒ DFE, DFI.

Open book accounting - balance
against urgency of getting
support to A/PS.

Min Direction needed

DFI + DFE - both advise - not
for them.

DOF prepared to take prepared
- last resort.

× Will respond to both DFI + DFE

No time for lengthy process.

Aware of risk,

Projected loss to A/PS.

Will come back in Jan for
2nd tranche

PM

Need designation from PM/clar.

DOF

Yes

DASEA

Secure air ambulance as part

of package

DOF Package based on loss of income.
Based on discussion with a/ps re
what they need.

DFE Need to do quickly. Happy DOF is
taking forward.

Route Support - DFE admin 2m -
to be announce^m soon.

x Exec Wills to engage re connectivity
Review.

PM Agree re comm? DOF taking
forward.

Yes

S/mkts

DFC Regs amended - sale of alcohol
at any till - to 31 Dec.
Quences - retailers asked re
social distancing.
People using 1 trip rather than
multiple

PM Agree re comm? Yes

COVID AOR

Taxi etc.

DFI

30 Nov - Taxi scheme - opened
for 2 weeks - overhead costs.
Some taxis - self-employed
scheme.

Insurance costs, PPE - £1500
cost based on taxi info.

Verification - incl insurance
info, retrospective - reduced
risk of fraud.

Problems - some drivers could
not get documentary proof, some
dropped insurance as no taxis
working.

Closed scheme 27th - pay^m
going out now. Running
through DVA checks.

Welsh scheme - eligibility
scheme - £1500 / 2000

5000
applications

1500 - had to be forced to close
80% reduction in income
2000 - also subject to local
restrictions.

Private bus + coach 3 week period
→ £8000 first bus.

97 applications - working
through.

AFM

FM

AFM request - DFI written
update ?

DFI

OK

Indep Review of Ed.

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dfw Next meeting - Tues.