

22-12-20

FM

Minutes -

Irrelevant & Sensitive

FM - OK

Agreed? (Yes)

FM

Classification of Recomm

- list - read out

Retail - shops open for shiftworkers
(petrol stations)

Views?

DAERA

Essential workers - lorry drivers,
nurses, doctors - front line.
Need to keep open.

dfm

Fuel / tyres

FM

Allow people to use shops? Petrol
Stations.

JWL

Baby penula - sensible approach.

dfm

How wd shop work out - who is
essential?

FM

Agrees with hatch system - OK?

DFE Only essential workers shd be out at night - no of people limited, Harsh not to let care workers buy milk on way home.

DOH Hatch system works - stay outside, no people in shop.

FM Put into regs?

JML No hatch - can still open?

FM Yes for petrol / tyres - but cd provide milk.

Pharmacies? ~~em~~

DOJ Dentists, physios etc - treat all same way

FM Related to retail element of pharmacies.

Hotels close midnight 26th

DOJ Carpet fitters - 1st week - OK? Making houses habitable
Tradespeople - emergency only or routine for that week?

FM Not under retail
Estate agents - shops closed, but

can continue business.
Curfew week?

Message from officials - OK in 1st week
but not in curfew hours

FM Hotels
Take-away

DFI self-catering - close for that week?
Couple going to Limavady?

PM Conflicts with Stay at Home message.

DOH Need to Reinforce Stay at Home -
1st week.

DOH Why deliver hot food different to
getting home deliveries from
Sainsbury's.

PM Shouldn't be in takeaway kitchen -
shd be at home.

DOH Takeaways will be closed from 8.00pm.

PM Click/collect - not after 8.00pm
Deliveries OK

DFE Confusion - click/collect - OK for
groceries?

FM Up to 8.00pm.

DFE

If not allowed - lead to more people in shops.

~~Click/collect~~ - allowed after 8.00pm.
Deliveries →

DOH

Deliveries OK after 8.00, click/collect only to 8.00

PM

Animals

Horse Racing - closed doors.

Car washes - no domestic vehicles

DFE

Under regs, car showrooms closed.

People prepared to buy cars for Jan - new year registration.

Big car dealers - lot of stock in place - need to deliver cars -

not financially viable. All transactions online - only physical transactions - delivery of car

OK to carry on with this?

Dealers brought lot of cars from GB to avoid 20% add-on.

Continue?

PM

Agree to that.

Karen/Carol - anything else

HOCS

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Issue for clarification after last night - self-isolation, new

arrivals - not incl in state^m,
Pressure on SIS to explain
Clarify what is meant by 'new arrivals'
self-isolating?

JOH Reduce risk
Concern - increased trans^m rate -
manage / prevent virus spreading.
Depends why visiting - shopping - no
need to isolate(?)

PM Coming from GB / ROI - isolate in home
you are going to.
People coming for Xmas - shd not be here
for 10 days. Stay in place you are
staying.

DFI Staying for less than 10 days? Have to
extend stay to fulfil 10 day isolation?
Border areas - feasible? How will it
be enforced if in Regs?

PM Shorter than 10 days - stay within one
household. Don't have to stay for
10 days.

JOJ Mixing within household - spread
virus

im ~~that~~ Difference between 'self-isolate'
OR stay as part of household -
not actually saying self-isolate, but stay

in bubble.

~~CSA~~ CSA Intention - to minimize spread.
Mandatory 10-day quarantine -
of seas visitors. Can do in household/
hotel - as little contact as poss.
Coming from UK mainland - reconsider
visit if planning to stay less than
10 days.
Previously / currently - could be some
exceptions - eg returning for funeral.
Challenges for people living near
border - ministers to consider -
intention not to inhibit normal
discourse - handle via guidance,
not regs.

DOF Welcome CSA clarification,
Farms straddle border, churches/
graveyards.
County regulation in South.
Necessary travel allowed.
People coming into North []
Travel restrictions will reduce
movement - pragmatic/practical
approach for Border-dwellers.

FM < DOH to draft form of words -
circulate through HCS.

DOH local travel issues - balance out.

DOJ

Discussion last night - bubble NI family with Monaghan household - need to self-isolate when return to NI

Need clarity.

lot of qs last night re proportionality - no of flights etc. Work ongoing to get answers to questions last night - freight, flights, travel insurance etc, Home office assistance, prevention of travel from Tier 4 areas

- urgently working to find above info?

Work to establish cost of travel ban if required? Any discussion with Treas? Need to have info.

HQCS

Only finished after 1.00 AM. Working grp established - taking forward. No answers yet.

DOJ

want to be sure issues are being addressed - helpful.
UKG - resource to answer questions.

Pm

TKS to HQCS, officials

LPP/LAP

2000 click/collect slots will be lost

if closed for a week - more people in shops.

DOH says - if orders placed, shd be allowed to collect.

FM DOH obviously doesn't do shopping!

DOH I do shopping.

FM Strong view - stop click/collect after 8.00 pm?

DOH OK to stay open - only if orders already placed.

dFM x HCS to get line re cross-border workers - before lunchtime.

DPS Put on radar - DOH + I met McGee also Scotland/Wales
Visits to facilitate inward invest^{tn}, England have gone ahead.
Need to allow such visits within Regs.
Invest NI - wd like to facilitate 6 visits, 12 senior Excs - to close off inward invest^{tn} deals, create jobs
V important for NI - future jobs.
England - already doing it.
Wales / Scotland looking at.

FM Bring paper to Exec after Xmas.

Adherence

HCS Self explanatory - response to 6-week lockdown - Taskforce on Adherence.
Incl ref to curfew - need to be put in regs?
Info paper - issue re regs, practical implications. - see enforce^m stepped up.

DOH We like this in regs - so police can enforce.
Similar to drink/driving - powers to do that, need regs for internal travel to enforce what we are trying to do.

HCS Trying to establish any gap in powers - ~~the~~ proportionate response. Work to explore what gaps are, review in New Year following Xmas.

DOH Our desire - Police visible enforcing regs.
PSNI asked for regs so they can enforce

DOJ That's not what they said to us.
Can't enforce guidance - but not

asking for regs.
More visible - drink / driving.
PSNI not requesting additional powers
re COVID.
Impossible to verify info - how can
they prove?
Regs - makes it look like they have
power, but can't verify.
Not hearing from chief constable that
they want regs.
Police Scotland - said they would not
do road checks.
Need to tread carefully -
intrusive, human rights, police
face criticism if enforce?

DAERA

Police can't enforce guidelines, but
don't want regs - force.

DOJ

Not saying they won't enforce, but
have highlighted difficulties.
Raising their concerns - but they will
enforce if that's what we want.

CMO

All agree - need step change in
behaviour.
Won't get second opportunity,
lot of cases - Jan, new variant
fast transmission.
6 weeks - vital, 1st week very
important. Won't be knocking on
people's doors. Need similar

benefit to 1st lockdown - high visibility of police on road.

DOJ

Want situation same as March/Apr.
Couldn't get clear recomm yesterday re travel.

Schools not closing.

Asking police to fill gap - not practicable.
Shd say - no non-essential work, no schools.

No objection from Doh - work, school, but careful at night to be policed by PSNI

Police Scotland - guidance.

Not stopping people coming from England, but stopping going 5 miles down the road.

PM

~~It~~ Didn't stop key workers going to work

DOJ

Hard lockdown in March/Apr - not replicating that.

15-17% of all move^m - school run.
Need to understand what we are comparing.

If want to go back to March situation need to close schools, churches

Police can't police

PM

Police are doing this - stopped my son.

DOJ

Can do - if legitimate, proportionate,

cd appear intrusive.
limited resource - divert some
resource from Brexit - reason to be
on road checking.
Need to be able to defend if
challenged.

DOH Curfew time 8.00pm - 6.00am for
a week - drive home importance
of what we are doing.

CMO My responsibilities - provide advice
to mins to inform decisions.
Decisions are for Exec - weighing up
health issues against other issues.
Try to be clear in providing advice

JMK Confused - conflating lot of issues.
Week 26 Dec - 2 Jan - major
message, greater adherence,
particularly travel.
ATodd - said police wd welcome
clarity re how their role cd be
more useful.
Put in regs.
HACS - to engage with PSNI -
check if regs wd help.
ATodd - not objecting - indicated
clarity re regs wd be helpful.
Citizens - taking measures on
board - footprint for rest of Jan.

PM
x Proposal - reqs for 1 week, then remains.
HOCs to engage with ATodd.
Recognize difficulties of police -
Black Lives Matter.

HOCs
Paper informed by officials engaging
with PSNI
Para 12 - Welsh approach - no time
specified (eg a few).
PSNI - undertaking lot of work, this wd
be specific addition
x Content to pursue on Welsh basis

PM
DOH says yes.

HOCs
Will speak to Alan Todd.

DOJ
Also check Fixed Penalty Notice issues -
usually take 2 weeks. Week will be
over before powers exist - illusion of
power.

DFI
Coordinated effort - all eyes to see how
effective - confidence in exec/police.
Taxi drivers - responsibility for non-
essential journey lies with passenger?

PM
HOCs to check?

HOCs
Reqs - onus on taxi driver to check
need for journey

FW1

HCS to speak to ATodd + check.

Limited to Directors.

DFE

Paper in response to £20m allocated to G Directors scheme.

20,000 people may be eligible.

If all apply - £1000 pp.

Self-employed - £3500 pp.

Disparity.

Have to make scheme fit funding.

Give everyone £1000, top up

with underpend - or is the money after scheme closes.

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Take view of Exec

Ministerial Direction - can't prove VFM.

Eligibility criteria - taking time to develop - FSB + JOD help.

Difficult scheme - lot of people.

View of Exec colleagues.

DOJ

Core with DFE - affects lot of people

- small family businesses.

V complicated.

Need for scheme.

Pause at 20,000 - financial liability controls, due diligence.

Extra funds - how will be allocated?

£1000 not a lot - give reasonable

indication in advance - small amt.

Means test? Some directors OK, some losing out.

Central repository - all schemes, lessons learned on administering.

* Can write to DFE.

TKS for work.

DFE

DOF - write + I will respond.

40% loss of income.

Some directors - resilient at end of year better than start of year.

Budget = £20m - don't want people to expect more. Make upfront pay^{mt}, if smaller uptake - distribute remainder.

Huge pressure if we wait until all have applied - wld not get money out until end Feb.

Take Min views

Go ahead with scheme - up to limit of self-employed scheme.

DOF

Original figs = 8000, where did 20,000 come from?

Don't wait until all have applied.

DFE

Don't know about 8000

Tough eligibility for scheme - some firms cd have few people. High population of directors

* - will get officials to write to DOF.

Fm Take forward - bring back to Exec.

Business support

DFE

- Want to get feel for Exec views.
- No premises - eg driving instructors
- Situation changed
 - before, had self-employment grant funded.
 - Now - self-employment - 80%.
 - Have to prove they pay tax.
 - If claiming self-employment + also this scheme - auditor wd question.
 - Have presented options - view on Option 1 or 2.
 - Option - cd be seen as generous.
 - Reduce scheme - pay 1/2 of current amt.

Dof

- Understand point re multiple supports.
- Favour Option 1.

DFI

- Make point - taxi drivers, bus operators - shd be included, impacted by restrictions.

DFE

- If do that, need extra £17m.
- Can pay quite quickly.
- OR have specific scheme for taxi drivers - DFI has relevant

info.

Happy for colleagues to write to me.
Wd need additional funds if widen
scheme - we wd have to collect lot of
info - already held by DFI,
lot of interventions - DFE officials
stretched.

Happy for people to write to me -
FM/dfm to make decision.

DFI Have written, will pick up outside
meeting.

FM DOF - content with Option 1.

DOF Consistent with rolling rates scheme on.

DFE Important that colleagues aware -
please send notes to confirm
position.

Pf9.

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Urgent Decision

APM

Noted ?

(Yes)

AOR

BUDGET

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DFI

Brexit update.

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DOH

Vaccine
20,000 people vaccinated
Vaccine prog - picking up pace.

DPE

When will Oxford vaccine come on board - may be quicker / easier.

DOH

Hope - by end of year, but not confirmed.
Will let colleagues know.

Budget

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HQS

update - H Toob.

V clear - PSNI can't enforce guidance, need Regs to enforce. But not asking for Regs to be brought in.

CC - Black Lives Matter - broader concerns.

Policing activity here - above gen level across UK.

PSNI - not much more they can do without Regs, but not asking for Regs.

Fixed Penalty Notices - not be ready by 1st week Jan.

Taxi drivers - matter for mins to decide - make drivers responsible through Regs - not for PSNI to decide on.

Same concerns as Chief Const.

DOH

wd still like Regs for that week - up to police to enforce.

Request to stop - broken lights.

ROI, Wales - enforceable Regs - travel.

dFM Consensus? (Yes)

DPE One week

DOF x No fixed penalty notice to back up
- concern re enforceability.

DOH Curfew hours only

FM No FPN - police have ability to
report for prosecution?

DOF Police wd need to take legal advice.

DFI Taxis - responsibility shd be with
passenger. Similar to buses.
Burden on individual travelling,
not driver.

eFM • Sensible approach - agreed?
Personal responsibility (Yes)

HOCS ~~One~~ One week
Curfew hours
No FPN
Taxis - passenger responsible

SN Suit update

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dFM May have to meet again before Xmas
— if not, happy Xmas, enjoy day
with your family.