

4-6-20

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Apologies from DFC Minister

10. 13 FM

Intro

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Minutes

Agreed? Yes

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COVID update.

DFT

Most papers circulated after 5.30pm yesterday, agenda v late.
No time for officials' advice.
Stick to agreed timeframe.

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Let's all try to stick to timeframe.

DOH

Last fri - 50 admissions, lowest since March

But slight increase to 68 - keeping an eye.

Care homes - 60+ with COVID.

PfHA changed definition of Care Home outbreak - 1 case = outbreak.

Testing in care homes

6700 residents

[] staff.

Further support package announced
- £11m

- will help with sick pay - up to 80% of wages - will go to

employees.

£6m for deep cleaning - support to care homes.

PPE for care homes.

Well received across sector.

Making inroads, right trajectory.

Re-engage^m - paper with Exec on Mon, state^m to Assembly.

In a position to cope with 2nd surge.

Circulation of paper - childcare - update R = 1.9

We are in position to ease restrictions as agreed

Guidance - circulated by dept - publish on NI Direct - PSNI.

Forewarn - 4th review of regs Thurs 18th.

DH officials liaising with other dpts - We will consider ~~of~~ requests on completed template - request pre 'bids' asap.

If we are in position on 18 June - cd move to next steps.

Keep on current path.

Urge - specific concern

PHIA - no cause, no matter how good, this views will recognize.

Protests at City Hall - issues around social distancing, restrictions

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Guidance / Interpretation of Regs
- date for inclusion on NI Direct?

DOH

Intended to do on 5 June - awaiting
feedback from other depts / PSNI.

CMD

Update - guidance - Regs

FM

Share concern re mass gathering at
City Hall - real issue with compliance.
Address later today.

DOS

Protest - Black Lives Matter.

We are all horrified by issue, but
won't help to go onto street +
spread virus.

PSNI - moved people on.

Will undermine sticking to
restrictions.

Bfs City Council - virtual book of
condolence.

Aware - another protest planned
for Sat @ Custom House Sqn.

Work with council who own square
Early engage ["] - will pass info to
Chief Constable.

Need to get Exec message - shd
not gather

Don't want police to baton charge
people protesting against police
brutality somewhere else.

FM

Who is organizing?

DOL

Don't know, or I cd tell police
to intervene.
I see online chat.

DOTL

Newspaper today - organizer
names herself.

DOS

Some organizers - RAME
community. Sensitive issue -
don't want to escalate.
Public health / public order.

Template issue for guidance -
some issues - no lead dept.
eg family relationships. Need
to take flexible approach -
use form, but some general
behavioral issue.

Asked police if they needed
additional powers re large
gatherings - they said No, but
want clearer public messaging.
Businesses moving ahead,
advertising they will open -
running ahead of guidance
- police enforcement - need clarity.

JWL

Need more clarity - protest, goes against guidance.

Confusion - went as groups of 6, stayed away from other people.

Confusion - if protest OK, why not religious gatherings outdoors, funerals.

Sensitivities re enforce^m.

Need to enforce rules - can't take hands off approach.

Regs - lot of questions - weddings, funerals, gatherings - lack of consistency.

Need clear guidance on all regs
- lot of amend^m of regs

Drive-in cinema, church etc - location issue.

DOH

Specifics of regs re cinemas, churches - will check if depts bring forward issues.

Gatherings - need clear exec message, leading to lot of questions.

Proposed protest on Sat - work with Bfs City Council - large screen/Zoom - big screen, people zoom in like clap for career - all in

own homes, but all together.

BAWE population more susceptible
to COVID

Encourage councils to put up big
screens.

JWL

Have Hansard of debate on Mon -
pick up lot of Qs.

Sooner we can publish, the better.

JWL

Guidance necessary

DOH

Issues not owned by any dept -
Phleg - cross-cutting grp looking
at issues

DOJ

No expertise to assess issues which
are not for one dept - diff with
triage issue.

Childcare - which location to
use?

Needs to be flexibility - won't fit
in tick-box exercise.

HQCS

CEO has power within reg to prevent
organisation of event.

[] meeting to consider
requests for easements.

PW

Lady from QMR has identified
herself.

Press Conf - outline alternative ways to register protest.

Gatherings can't be allowed.

Lot of frustration.

• Understand people's wish to protest, but brings danger to health.

DFE

People shielding - fearful they will have to be isolated for longer because of other people's actions.

DOH - families to meet indoors - review in between formal review of regs.

DJS point - ancillary businesses - eg construction opening, but Land Registry not functioning.
Onsite meetings difficult.
Need to take holistic view & will write.

DOH

Land Registry - don't know what dept - shd be raised at weekly dept meetings.

Families - we keep under constant review. Will look at for 18 June review. Lot of people anxious.

AMO

Anxious for families to meet

lot of wins making point.
Actively consider []
Bring forward.

Young Indoor meetings - higher risk than outdoor.

Easements Today - will take 2/3 weeks to assess impact - also impact of gatherings at W78.
Also need to consider no. of new cases, admissions etc - as well as R no.

Indoor - higher risk.

Emotional release of meeting - hard to maintain social distancing.

DFM

People's right to protest/express views.

Engage with organizer on way forward.

Encourage to protest in different, safe way.

DE - public message catch up with public.

Concerns - young people - role of youth workers to support vulnerable young people.

Essential workers - allow them to engage with young people.

DE

No problem. Work with ADT + PSNI.

Range of issues

If we don't provide diversionary support - criminal elements may take advantage.

Gatherings of young people at life. Issues re [redacted] learning.

Happy to take on board.

* Strategic approach - paper for Exec next week - deal with in comprehensive way.

Meeting with DFC Ulster - poss parallel paper - summer issues.

DFM

Paper to include diversionary activity, summer schemes?

DE

Some school-age childcare - summer schemes - within context - meeting criteria for hygiene, social distancing.

Aiming for this time next week.

DIAERIA

18 June - families - too late. Has been raised for a month by no of ministers.

Detrimental impact on mental health of older people.

Ask people to respect social distance - people need more latitude.

Land Registry - shd be open / operational sooner rather than later. Spoke to lower / SNC.

DfE/RA offices - wrote to DfE - staff shd be essential. Focus on health / Covid - but shd be doing a lot of other things

Space in D House for 1000 staff, only 100 at work.

Wld like to migrate people back to work.

Phz DOH

Families - same advice for Exec as I get, agree as Exec how to proceed.

Meet outside in groups of 6.

Shielding

Graduated response.

Work - anyone who can work from home shd do so; if can't work from home, go back to work - but workplace shd be safe - for dopts to take forward.

Families - not time to review, wait to 18th.

HQCS

Civil Service - work from home if poss. Trying to make

accoun safe. Looking at phased return to work. Tomorrow's meeting.

Challenging to get people back into offices - not suitable

FM People at home - not working.

HQCS In TEO, most working at home - only 4 - messengers.
NICS - depts vary - provision of laptops patchy.

DDF Land Registry - paper based, hard to provide service from home.

Work - looking at office accoun, request for vol return.

Designate as essential workers, engage with TVs.

Paper, wax seals etc.

HR issues - SGrey - ongoing work.

Process for moving people to essential worker category

Open from this mon.

DOJ

DIAERIA - return to work.

Good to be back in contact with people - work from home if poss. Get people back to office if can't work from home -

Maintain flexibility - work from home some days.

Childcare / family support - critical to allow people to work, focus on people who can't work from home.

DFI

Mindful of cumulative impact - single issue requests.

Remind ourselves.

Public Transport - PM to announce mandatory face coverings - issues PR to Translink, enforce - will work with DfT / DfT.

Flexible approach to working from home

Our approach - not good for identifying cumulative impact.

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Actions / Sit Rep.

PM

Actions - Sp Note.

HOCS

Sit Rep - traffic flows up 79%. Reduce no of sit reps - Mon, Wed + Fri

Portal available 24/7, also

DH dashboard.

Reducing no. of staff in Hub.

Will maintain core of 5/6 - to ramp up if required.

Will engage with dopts - civil contingencies require^m.

Point in Time Review

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Sp note.

Agree recommend?

(Yes)

Border Health

Fm

Sp note.

DH

Brings us into line with ROI + UK
People outside CTA

Nearly reverse of beginning of
COVID.

Discussed before - essential workers
excluded.

Haven't established formal linkage
with ROI forms - but signage at
a/p / ports.

CMO

Some differences - ROI/NI/UK.
ROI - paper form, hoping for

online form. In

Requirement to self-isolate in ROI

- legislation

- ongoing discussions

- ensure - manage^m of outbreaks,
Contact tracing, sharing of info,

- Posters - Dublin a/p.

Requirement - access to info.

Arrange^m at this time.

Operational process between ROI

- + ourselves.

Receive info -

DOT

Enforce^m of fixed penalty -
in favour of higher penalty -
Graduated

ROI - € 2500 + poss of
imprison^m.

UK - access to centralized call
centre service, rather than
going straight to enforce^m -
take pressure off PSNI.

DOS

Enforce^m - reputational risk of
stopping people. Police wary
of [redacted].

Reported breaches - cd police,
but not enforce [redacted].

Higher level of fine - can't see
justification, open to legal
challenge. Repeated breaches -

fine. Can be fined for breach of quarantine, but other people not in quarantine - lesser fine. Hard to defend legally.

Let it be resolved by courts - but could undermine Gove's reputational - options E. I

differential for quarantine as opposed to self-isolation.

DFT Not part of my responsibilities.
Airline guidance?

Tourism sector?

Action log - I asked for info re Dublin. No timeframe on this - info on data-sharing.

DPS Central policy. Need to constantly review.

International students - have to come through London - isolate for 2 weeks, then seek visa - not attractive.

Also manufacturing companies - sales.

Need to constantly review.

FM UK borders issue.

NOT DPS point - v valid - Pt 12 -

3-week review cycle.

DFI - I can't speak on behalf of ROI Govt - working with them

DfT - not automatic & too fine - graduated up. Can look at.

If we do not adopt in line with ROI + UK, will have huge impact on COVID.

DFI

What are impacts?

DfT

If we don't have agreed^m, impact

Implying we are not doing anything

DFI

Not criticism, just trying to understand issues.

CMO

Officials in DfT ROI + NI, working v closely legislative aspects

Committed - public health benefits.

Keep under active review
3 aspects

- wider public confidence
- economic impact

Public discourse - national media.
Matters most for travellers from
parts of world where R is higher
than ROI, NI or UK.

Benefit to put system in place to
prevent

Has to be kept under review - travel
corridors

Less sense - NZ to UK

Confusing aspect - public ask 'why
not do this before?'

Specific modelling - global pandemic
- limited impact from flights.

Transmission was within community.
Complicated public health message.
In a few months - maybe not same
process.

Young: Greek Govt - quarantined complete
flight from Qatar - flights from
high R to low R countries.

New cases reducing - travellers col.
increase no of cases.

DFI

Role of DFI - regulation of airports,
engaging with DFT in London?

DFI

Why dept - noise + []

DFE + TEO

Can raise issues.

Young - someone travelling to NI

A (P - if come through Dublin
A (P + travel to NI - will they be
treated differently?

Fm

No matter where they arrive, they
are under XII / UK regime -
good signage in Dublin.

DFI

Someone in Dublin, travel to NI
- how to engage with our system?

Fm

Have to register online.

DFI

self-isolate in NI?

Fm

Yes

CMO

ROI wants to move to online
- complete online forms before
they travel
- if staying in ROI, or
travelling to NI, []
Sharing info in interim period
ROI still finessing.
2 processes will work seamlessly.

DFI

Tested before coming to NI?

CMO

No main testing. Have to self-
isolate.
Propose exec - check rapid

checking process

1 in 5 checked to ensure they are at correct address.

Provide advice to people self-isolating.

DfT Need clear info

Fm Agree review

(Yes)

Tourism Accom Recovery

DfE Regularise in regulations the decision we took on Mon.

DfT 20 July - subject to R position

Fm V clear re R issue

Agree review? (Yes)

Childcare

DE Agree["] between DE + DfT - disparity of definition of key workers.

Widen DfT definition

Way forward - pertinent issues

Suggestion - retail workers

Pressured with sector.

Medium term - childcare -
financial support
Some opportunities - n/available to
childcare.

Starting position.

As we open things up, keep in step.
V important - strong communication
Those looking to avail of childcare
- some barriers, frustration.
DOF - messaging, v important
Need for review of informal
childcare, family support,
internal meetings with family.
Flexibility for families.

Schools

Schemes over summer - will
x bring back - relieving pressures
on key workers.

DfE

Pt 12 - queries re no. of
children; graduated;
shared childcare.

Messaging is key to delivery.

Fm

Guidance to be issued?

DfT

Part of package.

DoF

Funding - limits of COVID
funds; happy to consider
bids; rates holiday -

child care not incl in hospitality / £25,000. Some eligible for £10,000 grant - look at childcare for £25,000

- * Will talk to Diane.
- Medium childcare settings.
- Discuss in terms of bid for finance.

Registered child-minders - 2 families per week, wd like to change - 2 families per day.

Individual operators - restrictions impact on their ability to earn.

DH Can work with DfE to look at.

HCCS Regs / relaxations
* DH

DfE Recomm

Consistency important - need to link to return to work plan.

Schools.

Non-retail - open

Align child care recovery to other areas.

F M

Agree recomm
ongoing piece of work
Definition will change from 8 June

DfE

Are we moving to open non-food retail.

If I am told to go back to work
on 8 June, but childcare not
open 8 June -- .

DE

Definition

Move to Recovery
Widen definitions.

Need to be careful - financial
support, need to scope out
situation.

Contradictory issues, need
consistent [] .

FM

Agree Recomm?

(Yes)

PWY

Clarify: Dott - Pwyo - earlier paper
Exec confirm agree^{m?}?

(Yes)

Special Exec meeting 11-6

FM

Sp Note.

AOB COVID

Business continuity Insurance

DJS

People can't claim on policies
- pandemics, but doesn't

include COVID.

People seeking Govt support because they can't claim from ~~their~~ insurance.

Not in spirit of insurance taken out.

Can Exec write to Treas to ask them to engage with insurance sector

- fear that companies will cease insurance - Govt having to pay out rather than insurance ws.

DFE Have written to SOS for Business - lot of NI companies took out pandemic insurance but not incl COVID.

I can share letter, wd be good to write as Exec.

Will write to Insurance Body next week

- will share

Ad Hoc Comm

dfm

Sp Note.

DFE

State^m to Ad HOC

DfT

State^m to Assembly.

Pension Schemes Bill

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AOB
DSE

LCM - Professional Qual.

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Next meeting - Mon @ 12.00
Thurs @ 10.00 AM,

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