

15-10-20

2.15

dFM

Run through all papers except Finance
Adjourn
Come back re Finance paper

Minutes

dFM

Sp Note

- DFI minutes amend^m request.

Agree amend^m?

Yes

COVID update

DDH

$R = 1.6$ - growth of cases
7 day average

Hosp beds - from 76.1 to 137.
201 inpatients, 24 in ICU,
17 - ventilation

Nightingale at Tower in operation

- 21 ICU beds - using 1 floor.

No of cases over 60 - 790

- more pos cases 60+.

Increase in care home - confirmed
outbreaks - testing prog.

Will announce more support for
care homes

DE

Capacity/staffing
Actions taken?

From next week - stats re bed

capacity + staffing
Supply / demand issue.

Reduce demand - but also ready to respond - availability of beds etc.
Suggest for future weeks.

DOH

Beds - on dashboard. No prob. providing link.

Staff - different issue. Staff v. cautious re self-isolating. Have put out call to staff.

DE

Verbal update as well as dashboard.

AFM

Working through regs from 13th - will issue Q+A.

DOJ

Party colleagues - what about local authority leisure centres - shd be common approach for all councils.

- Guidance for people who were shielding

- Communications - masks listed under 'advice' - shd be 'regs', masks - not advisory.

DPE

lot of queries from hotels re regs + job support scheme.

Haven't seen drafts of regs - v important to have clarity for sector.

Hotels must close? What will reqs say?

Air B+B, B+B, S/C accomm.

We need to know.

When will we know? Need before GP today - arrange^m for wife.

Also - tourist attractions - eg Titanic - open or close? Travel to Titanic = essential? Job support sch DOF - Treas.

Can access scheme if had staff prolonged for 3 weeks - but ends at end Oct - not 3 weeks, not enough time - new job scheme = 1 Nov.

DAERA Shielding - need to do more for people who are vulnerable.

Need powerful message to people likely to die, most at risk.

Younger generation - not paying much attention.

DOH - asking for staff to return to NHS - message not being picked up on the ground.

DPI Need clear message for shielding/vulnerable.

Close contact services - CMO/CSH advice on this?

DOH Shielding - need to get strong

message out.

good expressions of interest - return to work. Will look at further work on messaging.

Provide as much clarity as poss.

AFM

We are working through issues, providing clarity? Get answers for some issues.

KP

DOH correct - cross-dept working - v long list, looking at queries.

AFM

Get to people a.s.a.p.

Action log

AFM

Sp note

Offences

DOJ

large gatherings / music events
England - fines / fixed penalties

large = 30+ persons

Rate =

Only 18 FPNs - England

2 " - Wales

LPP/LAP

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Public Health Regs - FPN approach.
Intent in - not in this week's regs,
try for next week.

How members feel re pursuing -
have as necessary deterrent -
CND - proportionate

Definition - large gathering = 30 or
more.

Current limit = 15

Make reg 15 + now, relax later.

Start fine @ £1000 + work up, or
just go with £10,000 at start.

~~Consistent with~~

Recomm - content?

Any amend^u

Am

30 limit - stick with that rather
than go down to 15 - confusing.
Deterrent, there if you need it.

Protest planned - COVID
How will it be policed?

DOY

Will speak to Chief Const after
this meeting.

Protest plan for Stormont - DFP
role in allowing access to ground.

DFP / PSNI to work together
Needs to be in regs tomorrow -
but not enough time.

FM Wd look like you are bringing in
on purpose re Stormont.

DAERA Agree / welcome.
Shd have been done weeks ago.

dPM Agree Recomm?

(Yes)

3rd Review - Restrictions

DOH 3rd Review - as required by regs
Need has increased since 2nd
Review.
Necessary + proportionate
Need - by 6.00pm tomorrow.

LPP/LAP

Guidance by 6.00pm tomorrow
also.

Amended - face coverings
mandatory in wider range of
settings.

dPM Agree Recomm?

(Yes)

COVID AOB

FM Hospice
Severe financial difficulty
x - DCH report for next exec on

Hospice situation.

DOH DOP provided direct support to Hospice at start of COVID.

DOF We provided support - continuing, longer term - 50-50.
Fundraising capacity - disappeared.
Will talk to DOH -

DOH 50-50 Hospice / Health Boards -
need clarification on this - ongoing issue.

BM DOH to provide update on all issues - negotiation

DOF x Will bring paper next week -
emergency funding for hospice.

CCG

DOY When will CCG be set up again?

Universities - guidance for students

DOY Students bringing virus home at
w/e.

DFE Currently - group - TEO, DFE,
DOH.

Unis - autonomous. We have advised them to provide guidance. DfE/PHA to give guidance re travel - Unis to decide on handling. Met with NSIT rep - gave list of Qs - will get answers a.s.a.p.

DOF Originally - PHA to provide guidance re travel. Uni lecturers - waiting for info. No non-essential travel - not curtailing student travel? Students to decide where they should base themselves.

DfE QUB - pay^m holiday for students who stay at home / study online. Some have signed contracts with landlords. Some courses - online. Practical courses - will have to travel.

DOF England - student travel - impact on R nos. Others making sacrifices - have to decide - stay in Bfs, travel home at w/e.

DOH We can provide in writing to DfE - CMO engage^m with MBrennan.

DFE If we say - PHA / DdH shd say

dFM DdH to circulate to all Wink?

DdH OK. We were asked to provide guidance - how guidance is enacted -

DFC Student hardship - shared houses, real difficulties, no part-time jobs. Going home at w/e for food.
no jobs available, mental health pressures, bad behaviour of small grp of students - impact.
Houses - eg 5 tenants, 2 leave - big problem for others.
Need to consider more
- communication re hardship fund.
Preventing students from working - health risks.

DF2 I got 1.4 m hardship fund, topped up by my dept - over £5m - given to Uus.
I checked last week - half left, asked Uus to publicise + give out funds.

dFM CCG.
- Sp note - lines to take.

X paper re CCG.

DFI Appreciation for officials.

AFM Agree - ongoing since March.
V grateful.

DFC Community Supports

DFC Arts money - will put out
next week. Fund opened twice
- dice need.

Councils - to avoid cliff edge.
Invaluable role since March.
Issued to come back to.

Sports bodies - governing bodies
- some becoming insolvent.

Levels of vulnerability increasing
esp poverty.

Winter fuel

Discretionary support - all HME
Small windows £500 - disc. support
higher.

Universal credit

Bids for emergency community
support.

Users - struggling.

Bid for money for food - people
stuck alone

Community wellbeing + support

DH + A spoke.

Sports groups / pharmacists etc
- delivering food

- noticed isolation / loneliness -
befriending programmes.
IPADS - help learning, looking at
WIFI.

Homelessness

Housing Exec.

Local councils, additional support for
social enterprises.

Charities, faith based orgs.

APE.

Town centre + village regeneration.

Labour mkt interventions.

Employers - struggling to keep
door open.

Discretionary pay^m fund - advisers.

FM

Bidding for? Or already
achieved?

DFC

Bidding

FM

Shielding - apply for discretionary
pay^m?

DFC

Upl - 3 times - apply.
Quick turnaround.

FM

Befrienders - learn from.

Sports - football - task force -
report to committee.

European teams - not incl
- needs-based, not ^{just} leagues

DPC Smaller clubs just as important
- harder to raise funds.

DFI For 4-week period or longer?

DPC longer

DFI Businesses need help, also community
Need to consider priorities.
Agreed framework

DPC Agree - People - lost jobs, older
people, areas of multiple
deprivation
Spoke to DPH this a.m. - areas we
can join up.

DOJ Welcome - support for finance +
wellbeing.
Bereave^{ment} counselling period
Grieving process disrupted.
Trauma.
Some charities - national funding
We should fund locally as well.
Genuine issue re bereave^{ment}.

Terminal Illness.

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DE

~~Financial aspect~~ Free School meals.
- DE / schools
Because children - additional
week at home - free school
meals - additional £1.4m
DE will make sure it is paid
- will seek support from Exec
next week

Committee Report.

Irrelevant & Sensitive

FM

Adjourn

Reconvene at 4.00pm.

Reconvene 4.10pm

Financial Support

DOF

Extension of scheme agreed for
Derry/Strabane to all areas

- most speedy way to get funds
on the ground.

3 changes

- all 11 council areas

- increase amounts per

category - doubled

(no pay^{mt} as yet to Derry/
Strabane)

- increased categories -
applicable to premises

pay rates - close contacts in premises.

People working at home - outside scope.

Scheme with DFE - to address.

This scheme - already established, updated in health regs.

Just increase amount.

Covers most - but not all.

Assist with bills, not wages.

DFE query - furlough

3-week "requirement" does not apply.

Had to have employees []

Can get on for last 2 weeks.

Get money on ground quickly -

follow up with scheme to reach

those we have not reached -

urgent need - people - acute sense of injustice.

~~DFE~~ PM DFE provided list of close contact services

Essential health exemption

⇒ issue to all Mins.

DFE

lot of pressure to deliver

- defining close contact

- regs - tourism / hospitality

- with DOF - support

x Paper - will issue to colleagues.

P7 DOF paper - PSec advised

- requires direction.

Repercussive impact - Treas.

If scheme seen to be over-generous compared to other parts of UK - cd lead to reduction in block grant. Will work together to deliver scheme

DOF No indication - further COVID money from Treas.
May impact in future if we ask for further assistance - not ref to block grant.

FM DFE - paper re hardship/

DFE DfH scheme - Rateable businesses - eg hairdressers/premises.
But - hairdressers who visit home - not incl.

Propose discretionary support fund.

Get info from DOF - where DOF scheme will cover, we & will look at other areas.

Large business issue - eg food supply sector

Gil Peesh Armagh (eg) help be try to develop large companies
Gap in job support scheme.

Excluded NI - feel they haven't been supported. I sent letter

to FM/dFM on FCI - cd send to DFE,

DFE

DFE - send letter to all mins.
Criteria - rates based, some will be left out - good this is being considered.

Anomaly - gym. How will it be calculated?

Affordability? We don't know how many interventions will be required.

* Close contacts - incl driving instructors? Shd be on list.

Advice from CSA - said they are close contact.

FM

Not on DFE list.

DOH

Advice from CSA - verbal - less than 2m for over 15 mins - is for exec to decide.

FM

Backlog of tests

DFE

People asking for DI to be incl on ~~existing~~ contact list (ie have to close).

FM

Where it on original list.

DAERA

Support DFE - impact on large businesses - not forced to close but severely impacted. Also

food companies. — no compensation to date.

Update on hauliers / freight?

DFI

Meeting with sectors

Wrote to DFE / DfH.

Gathering info for Fin Assistance Ac

Meeting with Fm / dFm.

Retrospective pay^m — previous lockdown.

Impact of new restrictions.

DOF.

Deery / Str — inadequate.

Now doubled — why higher for other areas? Justification / evidence?

Ind — close contact list —

ed be other categories? Full

definitive list — eg cleaners

Put driving instructors into scheme

Hair / beauty / tattoos — no

premises — hardship scheme to deal with.

External services — gardening —

allowed to continue — outside?

Don't tick boxes — no contact

— check out

Hardship Fund excluded people

before — quantitative evidence.

FM Cleaners - OK
Scheme

DOF + J - media.

DOF Gyms - premises mandated to
close - gyms not asked to close.
Treas - £ []

lot of areas for support

Bear in mind - may need further
interventions.

Small, med + large businesses
all need support

Account for totality re finance.

Original Deputy/Str. scheme -
small amt. Then got £200m
extra from Treas.

Overall level of economic
depression - Brexit etc.
Can defend argu^m.

And - previously excluded
Tourism NI - list of certified
B+B - now available.

~~DFI~~ DFI Financial envelope in DOF
paper - impact of DFE close
contact list?

DOF Lowest level of pay^m - not major
impact.

DFI

Add driving instructors to close contact list?

FM

No - opposed.

DOJ

FM

Have to incl taxis
Don't want to go down

DFI

Proposal - incl driving inst on close contact list

FM

Second?

DOJ

Second

FM

Note?

dFM

Press conf - "We are looking at"

DOJ

Not exhaustive list - cd add categories to it

FM

Come back later

DPE

Meeting - end 7/8pm.

DOH

Meeting with College of C I
Haven't seen close contact list.

FM

Come back early a.m.
Adjourn meeting to tomorrow

DFI CSA to attend

DH Will check.

FM Agree Reconven
(not close contact list)

Yes

Adjourn

9.10 Reconvene 16-10-20 (MASRA apology).

FM Sp Note.

DFI Sent letter - consideration -
close contact driving instructors
have - not incl wd be anomaly
- CSA advice - shd be on list.
Don't want division in Exec.
Set out case in letter.

FM Paper - specific issue -
extrapolated to incl other issues.
Keep adding to list - adding to
distress of people.

dFM Distressing for everyone - but
content to incl in close contact.

SMC Shd continue driving instr +
driving test - don't see need

to incl.

FM Taxis?

DFT Passengers in back, screens.
Dr. Instr - no of contacts / pupils
during day, sitting beside instr
But - close hairdressers, not
during instr.
Won't get financial support.

JMC Definition of close contact - same
as Scotland / UK govt
Proximity in cars
Don't understand need to stop
them operating - no physical
contact.
Why be different from other
jurisdictions.
Already huge backlog of
driving tests.

CSA Advice as indicated. ~~the~~
Less than 2m for over 15 min
Serial / repeated contact -
Scientific terms - contact service
No info re cases caused by dr.
instr
Decision for Exec.

DOY Clear - close contact.
In car with someone - protracted

period of time
dist "includes" range of service -
does not exclude others - cd be
added.

Be flexible in definitions.

No purpose in excluding

Flexibility re impacts.

Businesses - not forced to close but
heavily impacted.

Devising instr - excluded to now,
don't fall into same trap again.

Taxis - back seat, screens.

Need to be aware - other issues we
have not anticipated will come
forward - will have to consider.

DPE

CSA - no specific evidence -
outbreak assoc with dev. instr.

Shd have evidence

Minutes will record - no scientific
evidence, but we will close down
business.

Losing credibility - ^{scientific} no evidence for
decisions.

DPI

Evidence re hairdressers, tattoo
parlours?

CSA

Granularity of data - diff to
identify where transn takes
place - community transn.

Clusters - barbers, hairdressers

lack of evidence does not mean no transmission.

DoS Evidence - advised by CSA/CMO for months re close contact.
Definition of close contact exists - that is our basis.
Don't just use clusters.
Reasoned decision - matches with other areas.
lockdown (or other name) needs to be effective. Dithering over driving instr - we look bad.

CMO Two separate issues
- Scientific evidence - close contact
- clusters associated with evidential gaps.
Granularity does not allow us to discuss [].

Am Need decision
majority want to exclude driving instr along with other gaps
X Don't agree, especially at such short notice - no time to plan

Agree - add driving instr to close contact list.

Economic

DPE

Will circulate paper Mon/Tues
— to capture ^{those with} ~~no premises~~ fall through cracks

Happy to speak to colleagues one-on-one also DDF-officials will contact DDF

Large []

Finelough — lot of traffic from
x business orgs — letter from Fm/dFm to chancellor — I will provide

DDF

Identify ~~£~~cos with premises — rates/licence data.

People with no premises — hard to identify.

Bss — lower costs, lower level of support

Priority — to reach people obliged to close.

Supply chains — not obliged to close but heavily impacted.

4-week intervention — need to be fast

Speed needed — harder to be perfect

Support on the ground — we may have to repeat intervention, hard to budget for this

Irrelevant & Sensitive

DRE Will try - Monday ambitious.

AFM Tell people up front what they are going to get - how much each business is eligible for.
Say - here's how much you're going to get, route to apply.

DOJ

LPP/LAP

Still don't have Q+A on website
- get info up a.s.a.p. - ahead
of 6:00am.

LPP/LAP

Put info on website.

PM Waiting to hear re driving instr
before Q+A
EIS / CMO say - before lunchtime

10:07 End.
