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FM

Intro

Schedule of Exec meetings

Sp Note.

① Minutes

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DFI

- AOB - Hospice

Will we get papers for next week?

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DOF papers - Hospice ?

DOH - longer term ?

DOF

Costing prepared for Hospice

COVID allocations paper incl Hospice

Last week - discussions

Challenging - views re lot of services

Impact on lower paid etc.

Reached agree⁴

DAERA comments - not helpful, sectarianising COVID, regrettable

Positive test myself today.

x

If Exec agrees - maintain Exec position.

Damaged Exec position

② COVID update.

PM Sp Note - Exit Strategy.

DOH Care Homes - update on steps taken. Additional financial support, add. testing, family members as carers. PCN concerns - pressures on staff. 83 confirmed outbreaks - low nos, asymptomatic - but nos growing. Rapid Learning Initiative. Challenging time - lessons learned.

CSA presentation.

Increase - hospitals, ICU

Yesterday 260+ in hosp, [Iiv ICU

Availability of ICU beds - Bfs Trust - next floor of tower block, more capacity.

Significant decrease - Derry/Strabane - was 900+, now 600+ per 100,000 - still high.

CSA Screen/slides

Summary figures in R paper. Current trends - over 1000 new cases per day - level of increase is slowing, no of cases will fall - less demand for tests for school-age children - checking on reason for reduction.

Testing = 30 per 1000 of population,
higher than RDT.

Positivity rising but starting to
plateau/peak.

Hospital admissions - hopefully near
peak, expect to fall next week.

Similar to wave 1.

Peak - inpatients ^{within} next week
 $R = 1.3$

R for cases falling = 1 today,
indication of early impact.

Slide - Derry/Strk - highest
incidence in NI.

Every part of NI - over 100 per
10000 - high in absolute terms.

Fall-off of cases in Derry/Strabane
- result of restrictions

R - fell in Derry/Strk - now
below 1, close to 0.7.

Slide - impact of sectors making
small contributions eg close
contact sector - slide shows
impact on no of cases - much
lower than otherwise.

Small changes - big impact.

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DFC - "lower classes" ref
- terminology used in SAGE
papers

CSA

Used in Cognisense - data
based on social class

DFC Shd use different phraseology

FM DOH to take forward.

DOJ - Not leaked - was incl in papers
Alison Wieris - ref - papers
released - I tweeted to say -
was challenged at Exec.

CSA Paper not on DOH website.
Will check other docs for
terminology

DE Graphs useful
local Govt Districts
lot of greens/blues - hard to
distinguish
- add in [PCS]?
DOH comments - ready to increase
ICU capacity.
If we peak in next few days -
potential - ICU beds - level of
agility? How quickly can
additional ICU beds be put in
place.

DOH Nightingale - can implement in
few days.. - locally in hours
Staff ratios
Quick activation process.

DE Additional staffing?

DOH

Put out voluntary workplace appeal - 3500 applicants, moved v quickly.
Currently across entire system, 2700 staff isolating - all staff = nurses, cleaners, porters etc.
Similar to 1st wave.
Impact on other services.

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Workforce - could be worse this time - more people get 'ping' - need to self-isolate.

DOH

People in work - hospital - to off app.

DOY

Graph
PCR tests - get a
explain impacts
Get graphs as
retweet - sh-
- also impr
R - over
Smart
Sh-
Social
conspir
Work Tex
Plan for a
look at m.
at schools -
S/markets -

Systems etc.

Change behaviours over next few weeks - change state of mind.

FM DE - behavioural issue - schools
JMS - meeting with retail.

DOH Graphs - no prob.
Have published weekly R with graphs
- share with EIS - more professional presentation.
NISRA survey yesterday - 95% of people felt - got enough info.
We tend to focus on 5%
Personal responsibility does work
- Derry / Strabane.

DE School age children / teenagers
DFI meeting - school transport
Meeting with PHA.
Officials working together
x DFI / DE paper re change to regulations.
Face coverings - mandatory over age 11. (PHA).
Parents / school gates
- CSA messaging - parental responsibility, face coverings
Not just message, but how we sell it.

CMO

V useful [I DDP / AM comments
[Mobility] Mobility info -
more people staying at home
- impact on R paper,
message getting lost - Exec
decisions have impact.

JMK

Good meeting with retail sector
re compliance - objective =
suppression of R. Commended
role of retail - measures put
in place before - important to
maintain / reintroduce.

Social capital / buy-in - stitch
into partnership approach.

Event / press occasion - next
week - retail, local Govt, police
etc - importance of compliance

- Tie retail sector into ongoing
work. Cross-dept work.

Enforce^m - regs not drafted/
finalized - fines

Hampered a bit.

Inspection notices

Str. Compliance Gp - police
printing notices although regs
not complete

Next week - "jolt" re comms.

Retail to be involved - as many
voices as pass.

JML

Retail - nervousness re enforce^m

- challenging people re face coverings etc.

Face coverings - led to reduced soc distancing.

Happy to limit nos in stores etc.

Against one-way systems - bottlenecks.

Happy to work with us.

dfm

Actions making difference.

Need huge effort re communications

Nursing homes

- no of issues - will write to you
Most vulnerable - need to protect.

Prepare better compare to England, Scot wales.

International best practice

x - will write to DH

Opportunity to get public to go with us - collectively.

Need to comm. exit strategy

Use time well as collective exec.

Agree issues at meeting, then went right to the wire re regs.

DH - need to focus on
test / trace / support system
in place - invest, dedicated

conversation as matter of urgency.
Exempt workplaces - not wearing
face-coverings - badge or sign
to show exemption.
Let's not waste next few weeks.

DFE Messaging - v important - no of
levels.

Teenagers / young people don't
listen to Press Conf.

Get 'Derry Girls' to promote -
reach young people.

x Action - ask for different levels of
communication.

Need messaging for young people.

Also - local councils, community
officers - get them to talk to local
community groups.

Need to talk to people - not just
lines.

FuL EIS to advise?

C/McNabb 16-25 year old.

Derry Girls - not interested.

Cool FuL - Instagram, blogs
all activities aimed at young
people - TIK TOK

x Will provide update paper
on all media activity aimed at
young people.

Exit str essential.

Don't announce at last minute
- people get exasperated.

Improve test/trace.

Airport - test before flying

Companies in NI - dealing with
companies elsewhere - want
neg tests.

CSA - glad cases falling/
plateauing?

Cases based only on Str/Derry
or all NI?

How can measure impact after
such a short time?

ESIA

Plateau - all LGovt districts
- big fall in Derry/Str, more
even now elsewhere - early
impact of wider restrictions.
Expect clear evidence - 2
weeks

DOJ query - Testing = 25 per
1000, RTI = 20

Higher levels of virus in NI
even accounting for additional
tests.

JMK

Double down on care homes

Clock in running - 3 weeks left.

Need to decide on peak.

Str to step out of intervention
- co-exist with COVID.

Need changes to working practice - Govt, Exec, radiate into all sectors, Big challenge - need to be innovative, Need to reset, revisit how we do things.

Temperature / COVID testing at airports / ferryports - practice in some Asian countries, proving effective, international learning, Permanent cultural behavioural changes.

Stats - CSH - trend - over 60s.

Increasing level of infection.

Demographic changing - advice re shielding?

With / Sth communication - PHA / NPHET. Border corridor area

- have 2 depts talked re added value eg Canton / Fermanagh

- Canton v high

Comm with Doh ROI / NPHET.

MOU - where has engage^m gone?

Need level of co-ordination -

travel locator forms - need

hammer on info flows. Cd bring greater resilience.

Adequate flows of info?

X Doh - update - MOU

- Border corridor

- Increase in over 60s.

DDH

We will work on that.

Shielding - letter of guidance will issue

x Test/Trace - use next few weeks to look at - paper for next Exec - best practice, communication, discretionary support.

Airport testing - Grant Schappes looking at

MOU - good operational comms + interactions with REF, not same level of political interaction.

NSMC - better value for comms.

x Exit str - strongest piece of work Package of Recomin + next steps.

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Hope to get further advice / guidance on NI Direct website, Test/Trace/Protect - lot of disinformation, ill-informed comment in media.

Figures - present in way that make sense to public.

Describe as shambolic - misleading [3%]

Challenge perception.

Contact/tracing will never be full fix.

End of 4 weeks - not back to normal.

S/E Asia - v high level of complex

Need to promote public ownership, but also advise behaviour is working, why gradual decrease.

Behavioural modelling - assure public they are doing right thing.

FM DfT paper - Test / Trace / Isolate.
- next wk.

DfT x EIS paper - comm str-for
emergence as well.
Need to communicate positively with people.

DfC Communicate changes
- off-licences sales from pubs
- unintended consequence.
Comm is key.
Public message - HSC workers -
powerful images.
Younger people - Rathcoole.
Use young people in communities -
share videos online.
Feel they are being blamed as
carriers.
→ off-license - deal with at
appropriate time. Businesses
penalised for doing what we ask
of them.

FM Digital platforms - good, work
with EIS.

DFI

Halloween - bowls of sweets?

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lot of events - Diwali, Hannukkah etc.

Need & ec approach - Halloween etc.

DOF

Track / trace / protect

- people can't always remember

Ask people to keep diaries? O

Who met, where visited?

People can take control.

Cultural change - retailers nervous. But - same as 'no smoking'. Shops implement that, can do same for face coverings - don't need police. Shop assistants shd ask people to wear

Exemptions - some lanyards available.

Engage⁴¹ - delivering food etc to elderly - felt positive + helpful - find ways to help.

People who get COVID - feel ashamed, didn't obey rules.

Message - anyone can catch, more pos message.

DE

Halloween

ES - engage with Youth Service

Meeting yesterday - EA, youth groups,
Halloween v. big in Nth West.

EA - working on messages, cd roll out
wider

x EA to engage with EIS?

DFI We will get through this,
libraries was - huge increase.

Cycling, fishing, nature - find
space to focus on positive.

PA (S) Actions

PM Sp Note

Free School Meals

DE School situation - children at
home for extra week. Get
free meal at school - propose
don't leave children hungry.
Ere decision - children off
for extra week.

Why now? Oct monitoring?
Agree^m today - make pay^m
instantaneously - EA.

No budget line at present,
Pay directly - families will
get money now.

DE - power to make pay^m
during term time, - legally

for one week
Holiday hunger.
Green light today
TEO to lead - deal with food
poverty, holiday hunger
- level of cost, work out how we
deal.
TEO to work at in longer run.
This paper - one week.

DPC 2 weeks - extending hol period.
Agree with DE - hol hunger.
DPC working on Poverty Str -
happy to take forward.
Home - using more heat, eating
more food. Costs lot to heat
etc.
Poverty - can't fill fridge.
x Happy to take forward holiday
hunger issue

FM DE asking for 1 week
- agree

bring 2nd week back to Exec

dPM All support 2 weeks

FM DDF view?

DDF Money available - Exec call

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put formal proposal.

Agree 1 week, consider 2nd week
- come back

PM Support for families
Childcare these 2 weeks.

AM content - 2 weeks? (for)

DE to use used for current
week, DDF - Budget Act -
2nd week

Cross-dept work on hol hunger

Business Support.

DPE Businesses not req. rate base.
Not same costs (rent, rates, elec
etc) but some costs.

1 - Business told to close

£600 pay^m

DDF scheme = £800

Want to open + pay this element
first.

Heavily impacted business -
food service to local restaurants,
large food service co. making 50
people redundant.

50% cost - NARS

Food services supply hospitals
etc.

£300 - half of original.
Scheme open to business - business
base not rates based.

4 weeks of closure.

Chancellor - new scheme - Job Snp
will help - putting £ I

1 Nov - employer contribution
= 5%.

Previously 22% paid by employer

Grants - food supply chain. Our
scheme more favourable than
Chancellor

Chancellor - £2000 for hospitality
etc

Consequential? (DOF - No)

Need further scheme for

hospitality - approve amts in
scheme, work with DOF to define
parameters.

DOF Welcome scheme.

Recognize - people low paid in
danger.

Priority - pick up people with no
rates pay^m.

Income - week to week.

Content with other schemes.

Self-employed

Small B+B

Retrospective pay^m for B+B.

Wet pubs - only opened, forced
to close. Case to be made - will

- x deal with DFE + come back
Time of the essence.
Already a week gone by - lot of applications.
1 Nov - less contribution from employers.
Businesses preparing to reopen at end of 4 weeks - bring staff back - furlough change. - job support to continue.
Grant support - Barnett consequential - but no more money on the way.
- Cost of scheme - £80/90m - lot of other schemes - obliged to close down
We have £200m - shd we hold back for future use or spend all now? Guidance from Exec -
x Will respond in writing?
Hold back for businesses forced to close.

DFE

Tks DFE.

Clarification - 'significantly impacted' - 40% reduction - clarity?

Singleing out primary producers/taxis

- x I will bring paper next week.
Taxis - newly impacted.
Some sectors - previous support

+ new support.

DFE eligibility criteria - don't want to exclude sectors up front.

- Str direction, exec - agreed prev or be way forward.

PM 40%
Other schemes

DFE 40% - used in hardship schemes

- keep consistency. Same as Wales, also Scotland / Eng.

40% compared to pre-covid.

- Self-employed - newly self-employed, not incl in original [] scheme, chancellor said - no way to verify.

80,000 self-emp in NI - chancellor's scheme.

- R+B - will find way to bring forward, also wet pubs. Closed since March.

- DFI right re recovery - A waste to PM / a PM / all kind. Not just DFE, but DFI projects, agri-food. Shd look at as priority.

→ skills important.

- Manufacturing - lot doing ok, some v impacted - engineering, aerospace, supply component parts. Have asked officials to look at. Need to keep skills

in economy.

DFI Take 2 ^{named} sectors out of eligibility?

DFE Don't want to double-fund - will work with your dept.

DFI Announce today - 2 groups excluded. - taxis + []
In body of paper.

DFE We will set eligibility criteria
- my officials will liaise with you
- won't be mentioned in publicity

Fm They will get funding either from DFE or DFI

DASRIA Important to get assistance
- struggling.

x Welcome DFI paper next week, Coaches / Taxis / Hauliers were left out before.
Coaches - talk re getting children to / from school
- reducing nos on buses.

dfm Clarify - newly self employed. Anyone instructed to close?

DFE New s/e - different scheme.
This scheme - bus / req / instruction
~~DFE~~

to close.
tax rel no
Criteria - light touch, speed
significant risks.

FM Through Invest NI? help.
Or tap shoulder + ask for ~~health~~.

Agree Revenue?

DPI Ref to line - Pt 3 of & ec
paper - take out
Business not 1

DPE ~~Extend~~ Primary Producers/
taxi
- unfair, open to challenge.

DPE Not exercised, no issue.

FM leave out ("eg -")

DPI Some businesses

DPE Only for 4 weeks.
If not involved in scheme for
these 4 weeks, you're in.

DPI Any bus who meets elig ability
criteria for these 4 weeks,
is incl.

DPE Need to be clear - no

double-funding
Fwp Agreed? **Yes**

COVID DOH allocations

DOF Diff's issuing funding - but
DOF COVID paper next week.

DOF £300 m
£200 m fund, + Oct monitoring
£600 m - £528 m to DOH.
£72 m back into pot for
COVID allocation

Medicine / Med Devices

DOH Cumberledge Report
NI input to manage^m of
[...].
Also veterinary, DAERA OK.

dkm Agree re comm? **Yes**

Probate

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Criminal Justice (Woman Reform)

Irrelevant & Sensitive

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Translation Hub,

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Procedure Board

Irrelevant & Sensitive

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DPC AOB Issue of Bars / Officence
Sales.

dPM Unintended ~~con~~ consequence.

- **AFM** Part of pub = off-licence.
- DFC** DoH reqs - to ensure people ~~ed~~ drink on premises.
Reverse regulation.
- AFM** K Pearson to consider + bring back resolution?
- **DOF** DFC + A spoke.
Individual judge's discretion.
Change DoH reqs to allow of sales to continue.
Trying to find way through.
- Fu/AFM** KP to speak to DoH.
- DOH** TEO reform.
Part of joint conversation.
- **DFE** Chancellor's Statement
- company will keep 20/25 people (not lose 50 people).

No of film productions in NI now
line of Duty, Northmen
- can't do make-up - ^{close} contact
DoH exemption
x - will write to DoH?

next meeting - Tues.

