

11-5-20

12.08 FM Intro

① Minutes

Agreed? (yes)

Walter Heising

DOH paper - amended (Coronavirus:
Restrictions) issued

Note

② COVID Update.

DOH. Main focus - care homes.
No of correspondence
RO - care homes impact.
Young - response, shared this a.m.
RO = ICU, hospital
Community transmission = .8
Homes - just above R1.

Testing remains part of focus - where
we can test with our capacity.
Redirecting NHS testing to care homes
- focusing on care homes with flu
symptoms.
All residents/staff in care homes
with evidence of COVID.
Universal testing - not.
Considerable PPE to care sector.
Staffing - Trusts putting considerable

Resource - 1700 hrs Northern area; [] in Bk.

lot of staff from Tenets to care homes - not used to that setting.

Safe at Home initiative - staff to live in. Opposition from TU Unions - surprised, disappointed. Pulled back from 4 seasons, pilot to other care homes - financial incentive.

- Infection / prevention - PHA regional cleaning contract - to transition from COVID to non-COVID status for homes. - £2m.

- 6.5m into private care home sector - request from Domiciliary Care H+SC Board - separate financial package - DomCare, care homes - may come to finance interim pay^m

Dashboard - Covid pos, COVID suspect, COVID free Working with NISRA

10,500 residents

2500 tested, 500 pos

2500/3000^{staff} tested

[374] self-isolating - stat sick pay - encourage^m for employers to treat right.

DOJ

Terminology

Using R0 rather than R in

documentation.

Some virologists challenge.

Doing right thing but don't want to be undermined by terminology.

R / RO - please check, so documentation is consistent.

DOH Will ask Jan to clarify.

FM Helpful for non-virologists.

dFM Battle in care-homes, media attention in Dashboard — closed outbreak?

DOH Closed outbreak - COVID has been in home, now gone 14 days, deep clean of home - deep clean contract.

483 homes - care/nursing, some do both.

dFM 25% of care homes - outbreaks.

DOH Low compared to other regions.

dFM Universal testing prog - care homes residents + staff.

DOH Terminology: universal = all homes, all staff, all residents - 50,000 tests. Rolling prog - focus

on homes with COVID
Universal testing - capacity issue,

DFM If we had capacity, universal is best.

DOH Rolling is better for resources - some homes COVID free.
Staff in health service.

DAERA R issue.
Need to know what it is.
In absence of testing [].
Peak - $\frac{2}{3}$ of what we were at peak - less people in ICU, why is R higher?

DOH Young - R measured in no of ways. R - 0.8/0.9 last three weeks. COBR - NI = $R \cdot 5 + 1$.

DAERA Get Jan Young to next Exec meeting.

DOH * Paper from Jan for next Exec.

DAERA We are making decisions based on this info, need to be able to stand over.
Care homes - people worn out, tired, financial stress. Need sharp upturn in [].

Support - not nearly enough.
Care homes - COVID present - I not
want loved one out of home.
Hospitals - clearing wards for care
Home COVID patients.

DOH looking at - hotels for step-down
from hospital.
Will check.

DAERA 60% of deaths - care homes.
Reduce - need to pick [] outside
the box, transpermeable solutions.
Disgusted with unions - outrageous
shd call them out. People will die.
Need to add money - £500,000
not enough.
Need something for Thurs - better
way forward.

DOH £500,000 initial amount - available

FM - R, Ro etc - paper from Alton.
- Also paper on care home inter-
ventions.

DOF Care homes - need more decisive
action. Not unique to here - ROI,
GB. Tragedy to leave older
people exposed.
Universal testing, contact tracing.

Thousands of Civil servants at home,
not working.
Happy for dept to tell us what is
needed - people won't be back at
full capacity for some time, resource
available.

DOH Happy to follow up. long term

DOF Clarity from DOH - what resource,
training is needed.

DFE Agree.
Need test/tracing in place for
return to work. - if can do for
care homes.....
[] resource from []
into care homes?

Randox testing labs

Need to build testing capacity.

Care home near me - COVID, but
some residents don't have COVID,
trying to self-isolate.

Care-homes - absolute tragedy.

Need paper on wider health impacts
- waiting lists, red flag referrals.

DOH Major piece of work - how we
Re-engage rest of services.
NHS staff helping care homes

Incl healthcare workers - keep them safe, prevent spread of virus.
We have prevented outbreaks in hospitals.

DFI. Civil Service - testing.
Currently at 1700 daily test capacity.

DOH Sometimes over 2000 - average 1900.
Some people don't show.

DFI Universal testing - Jan to provide timeline

DOH Add in national testing - lot of this is not within one sphere - at mercy of partners - ATMAC - weeks away.

DFI Info in paper from Jan?

Trajectory of virus in care homes - next 3 weeks?

DOH Wobbling - not as bad as expected.
Expected 80% - actually about 25%.
Removing care homes from COVID list each day as infection reduces.
Not as bad as cd have been.

JML DFE point - [] screening stopped in Apr. Figs to compare

to same time last year,
Plans to increase?

DDH

Didn't stop all screening.

Breast = 1800 breast screening
last year (Apr -
[] = [1300] this year
= last year = 27
this year = 28

Bowel - will check figs.

When re-engage all services, screening
will be catch-up.

Before COVID, had proposed restriction
of breast screening.
Clean areas of hospital

JML

Provide info / figs - [7 Apr / May]

FW

Ask Jan for paper - R / RO,
- testing timeline,
- care homes update
- non COVID care homes
- NCS support / test

③ Actions

DOJ

Last item - ~~data~~ designation of
other bodies - losing support

of PSNI.

Wanted to take decision today.

Paper being submitted to process - independent of other decisions required. Want answer by Exec on Thurs.

FM HOS mentioned at CCG - pick up with C Stewart

HOS Between DOJ + DOH

DOJ First raised []. Simple decision. If no action taken [], police being patient.

Between chief const + DOH.

Ridiculous we have to fill in form - want addressed by Thurs.

FM DOH news on issue?

DOH Relaxed - what regs do you want to be redesignated.

No issue - thought Chris + David were working on it.

FM Misunderstanding of on who leads

HOS Clear it is DOH - agree " last week.

FM Check it is being done.

HOS OK.

④ Sit Rep.

HOCS PM message last night. Different messages in devolved admin's. Clear messaging required - chcknabb.

⑤ Coronavirus Decision Making.

FM Intro - 4p note.

HOCS TKS P may be getting doc to this stage - shorter public doc under way. DE amendment^m. Main focus - section 4. CMO/DOH new - can't be precise re timing. Science driven. Remain as is for next few weeks.

DE Ed side - direction of travel. 3-4 - initial cohorts. Point beyond which there is phased reopening. Subject to medical/scientific advice. Youngest children - less of a threat. Final steps towards reopening - evenly spaced proposal.

NHSRA When does Step 1 kick in? Garden centres - Cycle shops open

- good for mental / physical wellbeing.
Bike shops much smaller than garden
centre - harder to self-isolate.
Not like to implement Step 1 a,s,a,p.

DOJ Doc better than it was in the beginning -
conflict - filling in forms, staged
approach.

Don't understand why different stages
move at different times.

Table - not actually acknowledging
families / other gatherings - mention
church 3 times.

Technocratic. Not responding to
people's anxieties eg families, friends
People relying on routine etc.

Socializing - family / community
contacts. Friendship groups v
important, elderly relatives - not
factored in, grandparents.

Going back to work, garden centres - but
not meeting families.

Align different stages - outdoor
activities - garden centres OK, but
yoga in park not OK...

Inclusion of more personal info - looks
like we are telling you to get back to
work.

DFI Submitted a memo^m re transport -
SH. Agree E.J. Lacking timetable

- When can I go + see my whummy?
Needs messaging re families - when can we see?

Alarm [I have had/received from WMA,

Communication - England has caused confusion.

Had hoc requests - have update for Exec colleagues on what [I during 3-week review process.

DFE

Agree with Naomi - govt in twist - which family members can you meet.

Incl family, not just household.

How/when can families meet up.

Economy - deficient.

Govt - raft of announce^m re work/safety. - doc for Exec.

- We already have advice - need to talk about work safe/stay safe.

- Compare with other parts of British Isles - out of step.

- Families.

- Going back to work.

- Out of step with community actions - people going back to work, happening organically.

- Enforce^m powers - PSNI, local govt.

Fm

Complex of issues - need to agree

final doc.

Sign off this evening.

dFM + I will talk to Ass.embly tomorrow
- meet again later today to sign off.

DJ

Happy to do that.

Better to go to Assembly, than go public.

dFM

Need to do a.s.a.p. - to finalise doc.

DE - schools to open New School Year?
Public view?

DE

No expectation they will open.

PPE, testing.

Everything [Science]

Sept -

Reasonable argument - some years
more impacted.

May be looking at - initial return
mid - August.

Exam years

Transition years P7.

Academic year - flexibility to start
school year a bit earlier.

Fm

Some pupils - no access to digital.
Paper for exec on plans to reopen.

DE

Digital

Misconception - some schools -

Small adaptation,
Exercise in place.
Further problem - distance learning,
broadband problems.
Trying to bridge gap.
Distance learning - not same as
school.
Socializing, interaction

DOF

DE plan
Bringing people back - helpful.
Early years.
Warning for teachers - want
summer hols to be unchanged.
Notice for schools?

DE

Discussion with union.
Earlier start in Aug.
Work to be done - which school
years. P7 - transition.
Extent to which people go on hols
in Aug.
- Will bring paper to Exec.

FM

Any specific suggestions re doc.

HOCS

Will pick up comments.
R - outside households - reflecting
current policy, not developing
new policy.
Economy - more explicit.

Linkage point - nervousness re-linking steps to I I.
Pick up on other changes.

DH Concern - people read vertically rather than horizontally - not hold one sector back because of another sector.

Transport - blue arrows.

Different speeds / different sectors.

DJ Suggest - rather than setting out as present - separate out into blocks. Arrows for work, arrows for retail - separate lines, no-one will read down table.

Reorganize table - series of bands of activity - wd make it clearer.

Fm HOCS - ask POs to liaise -

HOCS Meet again, do as CORR?
PWay - do in couple of hours.

PWay Fine - run changes past mins.
Mid-afternoon
Maybe no further meeting necessary

Fm Do by CORR, meet again if necessary

⑥ Ad HOC Comm.

dFM Sp Note.

DE Next week - nonCOVID,
Tues / Thurs.

dFM Get that scheduled.

⑦ BREXIT.

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S Other matters

dfm No papers

⑨ AOB

DAEKA Garden centres - doc to clarify opening - or else exec compensation required for garden centre sector.

dfm Big job to do to get message

re way forward out to public - COVIDet

