

15-4-20

DE	FM	HOCS
JMK	JML	DPE
DFI	DOF	DFC
DFM	DOH	DOJ

DOJ Just rec'd agenda at 11.59
Too late

FM Want to adjourn
We only got papers at 11.57

DOJ Why only getting two minutes before
meeting.

FM Want to adjourn?

DOJ Happy to go ahead, but want papers
for Fri on time.

DFI Haven't seen amended minutes for
8th, or minutes of last meeting.

Waiting for DAERA

FM I have cleared minutes for 8th - get
to Nicola?

* Get minutes out + cleared by Fri

FM COVID update.

DOH

NISRA - additional deaths bulletin issued

This Fri - dissemination to nursing homes etc.

Not that we're not reporting deaths - underlying health condition

Death certs - COVID present but not cause

Waiting for death certs coming through system

PHIA - [] point of view rather than operational

NISRA work - will catch up on additional deaths

79 deaths associated with COVID 19 (to 1 Apr)

50+ deaths - directly COVID.

FM

Non-hospital COVID deaths - weekly?

DOH

Weekly at the moment - NISRA get info from GRO - have asked re pass of daily.

FM

Had call with other DAs - they are weekly reports.

DOH

Weekly at the moment - sensitive issue. Enabled us to work more effectively.

NISRA want evidence base behind numbers.

DOH How deaths recorded
Community setting - no hospital
treat^m - how is this being separated
from pneumonia etc - recorded as
suspected COVID.

DOH Suspected COVID - something []
EDiff, pleurisy GPs recording as
suspected COVID.

dFm Nos reflected
NISRA release
Included in daily total - separate
or amalgamated?
Fuller breakdown - as much info
as POSS
When will all people in care-homes
be tested (with symptoms)?
Confident care homes - getting
[support] they need?

DOH Working hard to support - provide
details of individual cases if you
have them.
2 sets of figs - PHA - definite,
NISRA - suspected.
Gen report on weekly basis - TEO/
Hnb, generic reports?

FM People entitled to info - FFI Press
Conf - people get totality.

JMK

Fri Press Conf - weekly round-up.
Difficulty - care homes seem to be 'on lying'.

Need for us to take initiative on Fri -
We are on top of care measure that
need to be applied.

Asked Richard for feedback - reassure
we are providing support / care for
every single home.

Confidence - measure - universal
testing in homes, for staff as well.

Next few days - clear plan, dept
overseeing - every single care home
taking all necessary precautions,
reassuring families / staff - if patient
has to go to hospital.

Go some way to addressing notion
elderly + homes are 'on lying'.

FW

People coming out of hospitals back
to care homes - confidence - building,
Timing of testing.

JDH

Will definitely look at
Always a challenge for dept -
care homes - independent / private
sector

ROIA - setting up [] to
provide appropriate support
Sean Holland wrote to all care homes
Not as much issue re PPE

No of care homes

32 care homes - 1 in 12 of all, have positive case

1 in 6 in []

We moved quickly to stop visitors to care homes

Doing piece of work re care homes - point well made, we are working.

DFI

Not always communicated - looks like we are catching up.

Do we have capacity to carry out tests in all care homes?

Public confidence - do we have physical ability.

DOH

Have ability - but timeline is issue. Balance time with commut^m
Have capability to test.

Said 1/2 weeks ago - not picked up.

DOS

RQIA - particular role. Not in position to comment yesterday.

Need reassurance

Workers in care settings - no PPE, no social distancing

RQIA doing checks re PPE, social distancing?

Bit of a gap - some inspections they can't do....

DOH Fortnight ago - refurbished
RQIA - repurposed to do necessary
COVID checks, supportive role /
advisory role.

DOJ Proactive?

DOH Will check, I asked them to do this.

DOJ Have written to DFC -
Residential / supported living
eg FOLD. Gap in access to support
- in some cases, wardens have
stopped back
Any thought on advice for those
settings?

DOH Haven't seen letter

FM Letter was sent to DFC

DOJ Response from DOH - bleak /
grim for residents.

DOH Comes back to shielding.
Implementation gap - isolation/
loneliness
GP - 20% increase in calls to
helplines - loneliness.
How to get 1-to-1 contact
Early days - contact elderly

neighbours - adopt a granny!
Happy to follow DFC

DOF Drugs?

DOH PPE - modelling since change in
recomm re wearing PPE - dramatic
dispatch of PPE following change
1.1 m per week - before change of
regs []
over 12 m items in past week
First week since relaxation = over-
surge. Wait to see how it progresses
Have on average 2 weeks supply.
Have signed off + approved China
order.
[28] pallets of masks / respiratory
- 36 000 coming from Wales.
PPE model with DOF working.
2 weeks supply - increased surge
China order - lot of work with DOF.
E-tender process closed yesterday
for NI companies to supply -
visited [] in WBfs with GOR
- good supply of needs.

DFM Good - 28 pallets.
Still getting feedback - community
needed, no access to [] masks,
or gowns or visors

DOH

Let me have details - [] masks
for ICU, not community.
Bfs Trust - designated team to
support [trachea] patients in
community.

dfm

Will bring details.
Lot of PPE issue is confidence for
staff to do jobs.
Ongoing inventory - to give
assurance PPE supply is OK

DOH

Cautions re putting out stock-pile
list - Trusts drawing down
to store for future - created
stockpile /
Wait until China supply comes in.
Scotland - not sure. Lf Health
Min yesterday - Eng, Wales +
NI sharing info, not Scotland.
Cautions re public number until
we are in more reassured space.

dfm

Press opportunity - local companies

DOH

Aware CPD - tenders closed
yesterday. As soon as signed off,
good press opp also reassurance
of PPE for users.
Normally - use just-in-time
international supply, need to

look at future supply.

DAERA [Hunter Farrell] - delivered or not delivered?
Update on Chinese order?

DFI Understand rationale for no publicity - agreed there wd be tables for Exec to provide confidence.

DOJ Tables for Exec confidence.
Senior staff hoarding at start - fear of low supply. Inf that supply is assured - wd lift pressure, senior staff wd release PPE.
Reliant on people on front line to manage.
Scrubs - contacted by org who make scrubs - they are getting lot of queries from health workers - not enough scrubs.

DOH I haven't updated table - not reflective of effect of surge,
No restriction - use appropriate PPE when required.
Scrubs XII - volunteers. Not central PPE item, managed by Trusts.
O'Neills working with Trusts - Trusts

working on own to source.

DOF

[Hunter-Farrell] - contact for forensic labs with PPE - outside health system. Awarded before we got involved.

DOH England - have sent some gear back to them as they were short.

Encouraged us to get own supplies - China. Now signed off on

order, ready to place. Lot of work by Tim + British Embassy + Invest NI, Chinese national co.

Order placed - 138 m health, also other sectors.

Factoring in logistics.

Up front pay^m - 30%, normally 50%.

Mitigating risks as much as poss.

Already said - not in position to supply some items.

Sharing info with DfK - going ahead with own work.

Will keep people updated.

Local suppliers - 4-6 m misol per week, almost self-sufficient.

E-tenders - publicize who we are doing business with, encourages others

Local supply - also better for any second surge.

Security of supply
Cos. need assurance we will continue to
place orders.
Consider price against security of
supply.
Stimulate local economy

FM Report on e-tender for next Exec?

DOF Mon

FM Given an update.

DOH Generically - more depth on Fei.
Testing - low take-up at SSE Arena.
Trusts want to send people to own
facilities.
Opened up to other orgs - pharmacies,
GPs, care homes
- more front-line centres.
New one Londonderry tomorrow
(rugby club). Cairnwon - WOT
Centre.
P May - update - mostly Bfs
Centre - Prison Officers, PSNI, one
DASRA + one [] official.
LSD own H+SC workers
270 absent due to COVID (of 200,000
staff).
Across all Trusts 4000+ on sick
leave - 2000+ = normal illnesses.

Still pushing on testing - update on Fri.

DOF Drug supplies - ventilation process.
 Concerns
 Improved supply?

DOH Will get info.
 National shortage of ventilation drug
 - alternative drug.
 Global/national level.
 Will get in touch with [].
 Issue for us.

DPE Testing issue - key workers -
 energy sector.
 Some scares - SNI - self-isolating.

DOH Thought P Way was leading through
 HNB.
 Can facilitate up to 200 key workers
 p day - P Way says scale back to
 60 p day.
 2 systems - MOT, SSE Arena -
 takes 4/5 days
 Ask Richard to follow up with Peter.

DOF We got call from health on Thurs
 at 9.00pm re availability for Fri
 - v tight turnaround.
 Security issues for PSNI

Not able to take full offer - time too tight.

Raise with Peter

Pick up directly.

FM HOCS to raise with Anthony Harbison

dFM Hub / P May
Paper re essential workers.

DFI Twin track approach
National testing - 4/5 day
Trust model - working better?
Twin-track - best approach.

DOH SSE, ~~etc~~
National contract - not ours.
Boncher Rd - managing ourselves
- quicker turnaround
Randox - national contract
Using SSE etc for members of
health family.
Late offer to DOS - had v small
uptake in SSE.
Anyone who wants to be tested can
be.

DFI NI voluntary workers
- direct through HUB?

DOH Go through HUB - he will direct

to SSE / MOT.

↑ fed info into system - dept leads shd know.

AFM

Rugby club / MOT

- national prog? Same limitations.

DOH

yes - same limitations, but help to clear backlog.

③ Action log

FM

Sp note

DOJ

Action log - no don't have query

HCS

lot of ground already covered

- care homes

- drug

- down 79% [TRAFFIC?]

- compliance with social distancing good.

- PPE for funeral directors - try to get sorted by tomorrow.

- NISRA - COVID-related deaths

- AFBI - testing facility.

FM

fly-tipping / waste

Walked $\frac{1}{2}$ mile - tipping in

ditch

Reopen recycling centres in limited way?

HCCS Str Man grp meeting today - will look at - by Fri.

DAERA Fly-tipping.
Manage^m / personnel issue rather than safety. Pressure on councils needed.
lot of waste material outside people's back doors.
Potential for increase in waste.
Encourage councils to consider restoring waste collection.

Fm Some councils do want to reopen, some don't.

DOY PPE for funeral directors - crucial. Not [excess] deaths - v in touch with funeral.
Need guidance from DOH, also PPE
Resolve - massive weight off people's minds.
No of people attending funerals - diff. to manage - Police only org who can enforce guidance.

PSNI - spoke with Chief Const -

operating in vacuum re guidance
- future legal challenge, need
legal guidance from DfH.

Also additional people who can
enforce - eg council workers,
V far stretched.

Extend restrictions.

* DfH - official to liaise with PSNI
- want proper paper trail /
people's freedom of move⁴ ✓
safety.

Fm Issue for HUB?

DfH

LPP/LAP

DOJ Asking for guidance on what is
required - DfH reqs.

DfH Exec reqs which I led on.

DOJ Reason re CMO - health centres

Fm * Hub needs to take lead
HOCS to action

HOCS will take up - ongoing issue,
paper being developed.

FM Need to incl fly-tipping, council
roles - HUBS.

dFM Health Protection Regs.

DOH Regs - proportionate, response
to infectious disease threat,
Recomm - stay in place for period
of time to be determined by Exec
- reviews every 21 days.
Colleagues want issues addressed
- cemeteries, churches, garden
centre.
Recomm - Regs stay in place

FM We need conversation
Support 3-week extension.
* Paper from C Stewart on Fri
Garden centres
even on delivery / click-collect basis
Happy to support this paper.

DFE I sent response to DOH paper -
no. of issues.
Content with recomm, but issues
we need to look at as Exec,
OBR - every month of lockdown,
economy loses 3% of GDP.
V deep recession in NI.
Cos - furloughing workers for now,
will have to make redundant

Recession - also brings health challenges, but aware of health issue of COVID.

NI - peak of virus - 6/20 Apr.
Are we at peak, or further peak ahead?

Helps us to make decisions for future.
Para 6 of response - impact on other health delivery eg. cancer.

DOH

Economic challenge - my focus is health. GB + ROI - starting to look at str for economic recovery - we shd do same while managing health response.

Reopen across Europe - schools, small shops. Exec to look at gradual steps - without timeline.

Poverty kills, as well as COVID.

Modelling - update CMO.

CMO

Meeting of Scientific advisors - social distancing being observed - mitigating.

Health service not overwhelmed, admissions within modelling assumptions - different to other parts of UK, reflects ROI - population density.

Not seeing initial potential impact.
140 - ICU require^{ment} down from

180

Now 45 - 60

No of admissions has stabilized, also ICU

No significant reduction in no. of deaths
Don't know how long peak will last, Plateau? Or fall quickly.

Key decisions for exec re next phase.
Reproductive no - < 1 , if relax social distancing, wd increase.

- 1 - Strict enforce^{ment} of social distancing
- 2 - Some relaxation " " "
- 3 - High risk - then restrictions on + off.

4 Contact tracing

Technology - mobile phone tracing
Local outbreaks - care homes, hospitals, prisons.

Longer term health impact of socio-economic situation

Mitigate - support economy.

Cancer services - COVID 19 cancer plan
- working with oncology sector - surgery etc - Remove from main hospitals.

Next review - 8 May, bank holiday.

Message - measures working.

Plan for recovery, but not taking action to reduce

dfw

V helpful re modelling.
Exec discussion - Fri or when paper available.

DFE

V useful if DFE officials can be involved
Agri-food - production can go ahead with specific measures.
Work together.

CWO

Economist in IDH - reaching out to DFE officials, RCT work
Economic Evidence
Minimizing long-term impact.
Right thing at the moment - longer-term.

DAERA

Garden centres
Either give substantial financial support - losing stocks.
People can queue outside wine-mark - why not garden centre.
Keep closed - huge financial support
Open - less financial support

Graveyards
Huge stress to families.
Have closed pre-st parks + angling. Tollymore PK

-actions not acceptable.
Wd like to relax a little.

Rules []

Will be a long time before restaurants etc open.

Real value

Modest relaxation - but recognize social distancing is working.

Shops - probably where we are weakest.

DOJ

Garden centres, nurseries - impact on business

Social distancing - normal restrictions

Forest Parks, garden centres - need to decline - police saying "don't decline"
How is that acceptable?

Not accessible on foot.

Graveyards - people upset.

Councils opened lot of graves for use - upsetting places, not a sanctuary
Not safe - open graves.

Protection of staff.

Upsurge in deaths, funerals.

Spoke to no. of people - upset graveyards closed - accepted when explained.

Need to be cautious re mixed messages - forest parks OK, portsmouth not OK.

Confused message.

Need to stay as we are.

DFM Paper coming on fee re markets etc.
- will address that.

DFC [Navin] Institute.
Modelling needs to look at - social
issues.

DOH Have to go + give state⁴¹.
Exec content to keep regs in
place?

DFM No-one objecting to rework
Agreed?

Yes

DFI Impact - already struggling.
Arbysne - compliance
Graph re compliance?

CMO Crucial
Not yet through peak, don't
know how long will last.
Vimportant - no mixed messages.
Working, saving lives.
DFI - clear in messaging
DAERA - acknowledge huge
emotional impact.

Psychological benefits - graveyards.
Health benefits - garden centres.
Suggest - degree of flexibility / balance.
Recognize stress of social distancing -
unusual, surreal
Concern re psychological impact.
Actively consider how to mitigate.

dFM DOH - going to state "in Assembly?"

DOH yes (exits).

DOF Funding position.

Agreed 101 m - allocation @ later date. Transport issues.

Barnett
Call centre (?)

5 - 114 m

Treas = further 80 m.

110 - 200 m, double counting.

185 m for allocation.

Tables in paper.

O/Spend 19/20 - Dept of Transport
- mid May.

22 m - charities, incl Hospices.

Total = 1.1 (B) since March.

Reallocations - will come back to
Exec.

DFI

Nothing to say - will write.

DAERA

Crisis on farms - creeping up on us. Sec to identify needs.

UK/EN funding.

Sec recognition of issue.

Milk - reduction in price

Beef

All assistance - getting to other side of coronavirus.

Deal with specifically soon.

DOF

Provide paper re farming (DAERA)

185m - transport, + charities

Looking at further streams

- want to ensure all sectors of society are supported - DAERA to bring paper

dFM

DOJ request - paper showing what is allocated to each dept.

DOF

OK.

FM

Airports?

Watch-funding from us for any HMT package.

DOF

101m/105m - Translink + transport. Expect support from (HMT) for Derry +

[City] airports

Deerby / Stansted.

May have to ~~the~~

Intel A/P in better financial position.

105m pr transport.

Ports / freight - next week.

DFE. A/Ps - good news, DOF/DFE - lot of work on connectivity - supply routes. Small grants update?

Forward Look

dfm

Shielding

Interventions

Key sectors - consumer spend.

Care homes - dedicated

Papers - next 2 meetings

Agreed?

yes

Media / Ad Hc

dfm

Sp note

DE ?

DE

Meeting with [] wake state^m re exams position. Advice to schools + parents - tomorrow.

dfm

Raise with Speaker

AOR

DOJ

LCM with Exec since B-3 -
On agenda on Fri?

dfm

Will try for Fri

DPE

Irrelevant & Sensitive

dfm

Irrelevant & Sensitive

DPE

X

Irrelevant & Sensitive

Small Grants Scheme.

DPE

15 → 20 Apr - change.
Tried to ring DOF - work
together + announce before
W/e
Trying to get portal running.

Letter from DOF Min

- response to Exec

Shops which remained open - self-declaration of hardship

Subjectivity - legal challenges.

Application process - work with DOF.

Can respond individually to Min by writing.

DOF

Portal - try to get done a.s.a.p.
Food stores - happy for declaration of detrimental impact.

Sports clubs - caution. Some will receive some DFC grants - make sure not paying twice from public purse.

Small clubs - only open part-time - £25000 v big amt for them.

Some small businesses open much more - £25000 not as much for them.

Infrequent opening / vol staff - £25000 big gift.

DOF

How many businesses eligible?

Struggling with timeframe - why not as quick as Scotland? Businesses frustrated.

DFE

up to 5000 businesses
400+ leisure category
200+ [sports?]

Timing - prioritized 10-15 scheme,
going v well.

Frustration - 15 days to process,
was incl in Prelease - shd have
checked - aim to get money out asap.
Paying money every day.

Set aside team in dept to do that.

Essential Workcell.

dpm

DFE

Where is paper

Sent as info note - can bring as
paper on fri.

We got 2 pieces of work -
engage^m forum
Priority sectors
Code of Practice.

LPP/LAP

If not on priority scheme,
forum wants Exec to guarantee

furlough / financial support

Will send paper, + discuss on fri.

DFI ^{TAXI} Will speak to DFE separately

