

18-5-20

12.20

FM

Postpone to 1.00 pm? dFM request

DFI

Phase I paper?

FM

Agreed paper. Thurs
Easements today - announce^m

DOH

No amend^m to Regs required since
Thurs

FM

When will Regs be laid?

DOH

Laid, Fri, active today.
Will lay some today.
Problem - public spaces, sanitization

FM

dFM not on line
Commence at 1.00 pm.

1.10

FM

Intro

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Minutes 14-5

Agreed?

(Yes)

M.A.

FM

Communication of decisions

Content?

JMK

Dealt with point well.
Agree - need time to manage
interaction between decisions + impact.
Adjust^m of health message.
Scientific advice.
Surveillance
Universal testing.

Look at [I] in similar format
to previously - Fm/dFm, UNO,
DOH + others to meet
- help to define relevant discussions
on way forward.

② COVID update.

DOH

110 of papers - general update.
x Testing paper for Thurs Exec - trace,
tracking.

Care homes

outbreaks in 71 homes, 33 suspects
31 closed out

3762 residents tested.

Further expansion of care home testing
announced yesterday.

NISRA paper published Fri - re previous
week.

Significant drop in no. of deaths

Keep direction of travel re deaths.

Proportion - hospital deaths v care

homes - still more hospital.

3 Apr - 1 May - differentials, average no. of deaths in last few years.

Regs - later in agenda.

DAERA

Care homes testing.

Some people refusing to take tests.

Stat sick pay - use to get people to take tests.

DOH

Have taken up with Director of Workforce.

Small no. of staff refusing to take tests

- will look at stat sick pay.

dFM

R. no today?

DOH

Don't have - don't get on daily basis, will ask CMO.

FM

CMO wd not want running commentary of on R. no. on daily basis.

DOJ

Concern growing re meat industry figures.

Growing evidence - cluster effect.

What work is being done - correct protection for workers, proactive testing.

Heatmap - food production crucial, need work to address

O/ seas workers, houses of multiple

occupancy

Anything done/going to be done?

DOH

Ad Hoc - Thurs

National Testing Unit - Sth West.

Workforce - large migrant workforce, living in close quarters.

Stat sick pay - coming through agencies

Advice/guidance to meat sector

- DFE/DHRA - vets' advice.

DFE

x Bringing paper on economic recovery - testing crucial.

x Thurs

Meat plants / food processing.

HSE looking at May 16, have also visited 20+ properties in a range of sectors - some v good practice, some need advice. Visits will continue.

BEIS plans - [^{Expert} _{grp?}] to look at from NI point of view

Work ongoing - will come back to Exec shortly.

DHRA

DOJ - right.

Nets working with factories.

46/48 people in Ough meat plant - sent home.

Going to test every worker in factory. Advise - work closely

with Tilmans - avoid media storm.

Why PC - good practices.

Person who died - no symptoms, death cert said - "cd be COVID".

Good practices - but some orgs need to improve.

DOJ

Reassuring.

Hub houses - passing on COVID, then going to work + infecting others. Same issue in Canada.

PM

Good to discuss, don't want media storm.

③ Action log

DFI

Any info on testing - GB / UK

DOH

CMO

Portal, also care home portal

NI - testing strategy

Allow individual [].

Option

Test centre - posted to []

Welcome expansion to our capability along with Test/Trace/Isolate.

Easing current restrictions.

Other announce^m - symptoms -

some more common than others

- WHO

signalling action

cough, fever

Sense of smell - emerging evidence
cd be early symptom.

Move to add to list of symptoms.

V sensitive combination of symptoms

- contact tracing for early
symptoms.

DFI

This week - testing everyone with
symptoms?

CWO

Ahead of other parts of UK - as of
today, tracing

Make testing more widely available.

[100,000] tests

significant invest^m in laboratories

- part of UK wide initiative.

x Updates in paper on Thurs.

④

Sit Rep

HOCS

Sit Rep WSM - Fri

CCG meet on Thurs

Watching traffic wave^m - impact
of ease^m on behaviour.

Digital Tracing

DOH

Apps available. Concern re where data will be held - waiting for NHS info.

5 options

1 - not acceptable

2 - some in UK download, some not

3

4 - ROI

Behind other parts of UK to use app, will be criticized.

Health Min meeting tomorrow

- feedback on how successful.

Emphasis on contact tracers.

Trustworthiness in media not there at the moment.

APM

Digital tracing - needs to be part of wider tracing strategy - N/S + E/W - app in sth - able to [] - logical way forward.

DOH criteria - option 4 most useful - but also create own app - wd take longer - lean towards 4, + then 3.

PM

ROI app - 4 weeks away?

DOH

ROI - 4 weeks; NHS X already tested.

Adopt NHS, build own app which cd work with N/S + E/W.

Airline traffic - need E/W
⑤ best way to go.
Still long way.

DDJ

Responded in writing.
Most movement in early stages n/s.
2 apps - most members of public
will want 1 app.
Work n/s, build E/W later.
Concern re data storage - people
won't feel comfortable.
Used for other purposes - 'Big Brother'
- people reluctant to share data + use
app.
Need bluetooth - drains battery.
Sending texts ...
Data security
Uptake of apps quite low
Encouraged you are looking at
phone trace.
Apps cannot work together -
technical issues.
We shd engage our tech people here
to look at - tech companies,
bespoke piece of work.
Not a priority for Westminster,
opportunity for NI company.
Friends who are techy - concern
re app - bluetooth not designed
for E I. Using tech for
work it's not designed for.

App may seem like solution but

DFI Uptake by people will govern effectiveness.
People - work/travel across border.
Need tech compatibility.

DPE To get economy up + running, people
need to feel safe.
Engage^m Forum - tracking/tracing
vital.

DOI - will take 4 weeks.

Design NI app.

Need to get moving.

Not taking long-time view for now -
use what is available + design own
app in meantime.

dFM If opt for one route now, then ask for
something different in a few weeks -
confusing.

Human rights issue.

DOH - discussions with I&S and NR (ROI)
tomorrow - want N/S approach

FM NHS X app available soon to all in N.I.
- if people want to take up, they can.

DOJ Exec shd recommend approach

FM Elephant in room - constitutional
issues - if people want to use

NHS app, they shd.
Politics - reality.

DAERIA 8 weeks of lockdown.
No option but to move forward.
Doesn't matter where app comes from.
UK app - available now.
Use RCT app when available, develop
our own.

DGJ Politics doesn't matter - need app
which works best.
All people need same app. - 70/80%
of people with same app or compatible
app.
Need to get right app which everyone
can use.
Practical solution.

PM I am PM for this Exec, not party
leader.
Responsibility to bring forward
issues.

AMM Not about politics - about how to
address COVID
NHS - doesn't work across island.
Centralized / decentralized.

DOH Para 15 doc - NHS looking
at centralized / decentralized.

NHS X ahead of everyone else.

Focus on people at end of phone, not just app.

Talk about which app

Option 5 - use what's there, develop ~~the~~ own system.

Best - work with NHS for now - Scots/Wales also have concerns.

Chief digital officer - working N/S + E/W
Ongoing conversation.

Tool available to NI Exec - pick up.
Technicalities.

dfm Can't work across island - N/S issues.
Have you spoken with Name Redacted RWT?

DOH Talk [].
No matter what app people download,
we shd have back-up info.

CWO Sport strategy
Reassure Ministers
App available
Option
Contact tracing - already established
[].
Have been training staff.
Call centres, NI Direct
Preparation ongoing
Tech. app.
Analogue - not expert on apps.

App adds value.

80% of [] I.

Technology.

Scale of contact tracing.

Technological point of view.

dfm

Tomorrow - fm + I are meeting
with Tanaiste, 2 Health Min N+S.
- come back after that

CWO

[] paper.

DPE

App in UK on 8 May - people in
NI will wonder why we are not
involved.

Wait to mid-June for app, will
give advantage to our competitors.
£/w - one mkt for tourism etc.
Shd get on with it.

DFI

Not political for me - need
assurance re [] I.

fm

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dfm proposal - revisit on Thurs

Agree?

(yes)

FM

DOH - Talk re Regs.

DOH

Regs amends agreed Thurs -
brought in over w/e.

Regs re outdoors, churches - will bring forward today.

Still working on Regs - outdoor activity + no hard surfaces.

Need enforce^m/ease^m languages.

Agreed at Exec on Thurs - I was not at meeting (Ad Hoc Comm).

Regs - will be made today.

LPP/LAP

PM

Apologies - agree^m in your absence. Thought we wd just agree, but some conversation.

Marriage (compassionate)

- why only 6 people at ~~a~~ a wedding

Shared surfaces

We will get Qs re golf.

DOH

Golf cd go ahead - only 18th holes, not 19th.

3-week cycles - due for review next week.

marriages - I will ask officials for

advice.

DFI I thought there wd be work done over wfe to iron out inconsistencies - church ches etc.

FM dFM + I (met with) churches.
Re: massive issue - not obliged to open - working in conjunction with churches - they will develop guidance, make safe space.

dFM Good meeting - church brenn

LPP/LAP

Today - Step 1, agreed in approach - issues in paper.
Staging post.
Review on 28th?

LOH Template - depts to ask, officials to advise.
Nail language - legally competent.

dFM Message - in phase 1, review of regs on 28th - move in accordance with scientific advice.
Need to give ourselves time to study impact of easements before move to next stage.
Germany - spike since ease^u.

DE

Outdoor activities - finished later today?

Timescale

DOH

Once drafted, we move as quickly as possible.

DE

Communications - social distancing.

Doesn't involve shared surfaces -
wind surfacing

Solo activity.

Make explicit today.

Weddings - no. of people.

Inconsistency

JMs - some people there -

timeframe to stay in UK.

Valid in next week or two.

DOH

Marriages - will look at.

Outdoor activities - SL, language
is there

Won't be drafted by 4.00pm today.

DE

Shared surfaces - gen principle.

Differentiate message.

DOJ

We have written to DOJ - weddings

- to people

Consistency.

People cancelling wedding - all
members of wedding party in one
family.

People providing activity - safety inspections.

Emergency services pressure.

Needs thought - but do in principle.

Gym instructors - classes in park - small groups, social distancing.

10 for wedding, DOF reduce to six.

Inside --

Small classes for gym instructors.

Other issues -- family.

Can't defer decisions much longer, or defer communications.

People - can go to work, but not meet family/friends.

Suggested NZ Govt approach - create bubble - family in bubble on different sites.

Group - people who are shielding - not mentioned anywhere. Have done 12 weeks of shielding - communicate how we will move forward. Actively look at - and give people hope.

PM

Families indoors - will address today, as in Stage 1.

DOH

Marriage - DOF to put in bid. Bubble / family - STAGE is looking at. Manage^m of

outdoors facilities - up to owners/
managers of each site.

People shielding - cognisant of depts
- able to []

Have to be aware - moving into Step 1
- but COVID is still here.

Steps - agreed template - steps
together.

Communication has been good, has
brought NI people with us.

Messaging - shielding, next steps,
end next week.

DOJ You were at Ad Hoc comm - you
said 10, DEF said 6.
What was agreed?

DOH I was at Ad Hoc
~~DO~~ CMO says 10

DOJ Discrepancy between indoor + outdoor.
Make announceⁿ that we will provide
guidance re family etc - give people
hope.

DEF We didn't ask for fig of 10.
Bare minimum - 5 for wedding.
Terminally ill - may need
medical facility - suggested 6

We have put no proposition re weddings in general.

DOH

I was not part of conversation.
PI2 of paper - up to 10 people.

~~DOH~~

DFE

Really important to get message to people who are shielding.
Stop being granular
Put out broad info.

FML

Friends / family v important.
Societal benefit.
How does scoring come about?
Exec approach to communications - different stages.
fire coverage - recruit^m process for fire service - ease pressure.

DOH

Scoring - scientific advisory app.
Fire fighters - will look at.
Spoke to Chief Fire Officer

CMO

Score
Contact
Significant risk
Indoors - shielding - risk for individuals
Mental health / wellbeing of older people. 78000 shielding -

actively looking at cohort, relaxation.
Family / friends
No easy answers.

JML Non-family members to visit first?

CMO Currently happening - older people out of doors.
Shielding
Degree of interaction - constrained circumstances, social distancing.
Not just as yet.
Circulation drops - less likelihood of contact.

FM Matrix
Family visits indoors.
Recommended - defer decision.
Decide next week?

CMO Keep under regular review - consequences

FM In Step 1, but we're not doing yet.

dFM Views still spreading - need to keep awake.
But give message of hope.
Focus for today - make people want to make contact.

Exec Strategy

PM

Sp Note.

Note paper? (Yes)

DOH

IMO to leave?

PM

OK

Business Rates.

DOF

Initial paper - ~~5%~~ 3 month period, at start had no info of consequences of lockdown.

Exec - Research work, bring forward more tailored package. Clear understanding - more focussed scheme.

UN Research paper - inform decision making for economic recovery.

Recognition - Rates relief to end in June, but just starting to emerge from lockdown.

Lot of people - still social distancing. Businesses can't just then tap on.

X Propose additional month of rate relief.

Businesses - extra costs / safety issues.
End July, beyond end of financial year.

Hospitality, tourism - loss of opportunities

Child care sector - assisting people to get back to work - Has suffered
- lost out between 25,000

Conversation with DFE.

Recognize - offering to airports.
Economy, travel, holidays - not on agenda for this year.

End of ^{financial} year for these sectors.
Significant commitment.

Over-extend ourselves.

Barnett - set aside for PPE. NHS
England - PPE for England, Scotland + Wales. PPE - money back into pot?

COVID allocations - not using full amt, reprioritize.

Gen principle - provide support, health sector, economy, vulnerable people.

COVID response

Significant commitment for Gov.

Some sectors continued to trade during pandemic, some did not.

Economic analysis in UN doc.

DPE

Tks. Voted for extension of rates relief.

Met no. of Nth Coast businesses - Fei.

Rates relief - seen as lifeline.

Because of strategic roadmap - tourism / hospitality - competing against Sth - reopening. July.

Not a level playing field.

eg Londonderry - hotels can't open, Donegal hotels cd open.

lot of work on Economic Recovery - paper for Thurs.

X

DE

Childcare sector.

look at sector - get by, social distancing.

Operate in proper fashion

Other sectors of economy - need childcare provision.

Pressures [] can be removed.

Emerging pressures

finance

FWI

Get better broadband connection!

DFI

Consider on Thurs - need official advice

Overcommit^m £3m

Try to understand - how we pick up.

Give us time to consider, get advice?

DOF

nth/sth - not just tourism, important to have synchronicity.

Bookings - allowed.

Level playing field - we have better support system than sth.

Paper - today or Thurs - OK.

PPE procure^{ment} - talking to NHS.

As for PPE.

Barnett - Treas say money to spend for all of us. [They pay for what we source] - we haven't nailed down. Take risks to support economy.

Businesses need to plan, make financial plans - need some certainty. Won't collect rates from some businesses

Money not collected.

Some businesses will go to wall - we will not be in position to collect rates at all.

DPI

More time to consider

RFM

When going to Assembly?

DOF

Planned for tomorrow

FM

Wd prefer to get agree^{ment} today.

DOF

Urgent procedure tonight?

dFM Present to Assembly tomorrow - agree today.

DJF. Only got ~~four~~ this am.
Blunt instrument - rates may not be best approach. Wd like to drill into a bit more.
Financial implications live with for significant time.
Reprioritization exercise - won't produce much.

FM Good suggestion - urgent procedure tonight
Content?

DOF Rates paper - not economic recovery plan, that will come from DFE.
Give some space to economy to get back.
Economic recovery - much broader issue.

Urgent procedure tonight?

FM yes

Financial Position

FM Allocate money in strategic way. Circulated paper -

additional money since 20 Apr.

Care homes - 19.7m

Transport for London

Rugby League

Charities.

Barnett England - if not fully spent, comes back to centre.

Being prudent

734 m allocated 20-4

176 m available for allocation.

40 m hardship

22 m charities.

6.7 m Hospices

Papers - specific propositions.

Airports, Translink, Ferry operators,

vulnerable people, workforce NHS -

DH; farming community - 25m[£];

150 m PPE - but engaged with DH,

Treas + NHS England - one m 7m; NI,

Scottish + Wales spend agreed; substitute

teachers - some furloughed? ^{England} here is

more ad hoc - 12 m, 8m from DE + 4m

from COVID fund; councils - Revenue

Raising difficulties; student hardship 1.4m

- our support is more generous than

other jurisdictions; front line health staff.

120m allocated - rates proposition.

(urgent procedure):

Furlough public sector - matter for each dept if staff meet criteria)

Reprioritize; COVID related pressures in depts.

Economic recovery - will need to find additional resources.

Reprioritization exercise - patchy, FM / dFM lending their weight.

DE

Significant urgency, detail within next 24 hrs.

Relying on

[] [unclear]

Balance of

DOJ

Welcome confirmation re PPS

Prison Service + Police can spend.

Reprioritization - can't absorb costs in DOJ.

Additional pressures - Prison Officer Scheme 1.9m for 3 months.

Bids not in yet - but will bring for Thursday

Work with reprioritization - need to gather up.

Make no more decisions until next week after ~~for~~ reprioritization - then consider all bids

Move ahead with Transport - but hold newer bids.

DPI

Agree DOJ's - responding to individual bids -- public inquiry wld scrutinize

our decision-making.

Additional requests for info - need detail of what is required.

comparison with CFL (?) - different body to Translink - not a real comparison but happy to help.

Papers from DFC, DFE - bids etc. No paper from DfERA - but no paper showing bid - can I have info on bid/response?

Translink - pressured building.

NICS staff - responsibility of DfF - furloughing - for DfF to consider.

DOH

Money for striking NHS staff - may have consequences for other sectors

£600m -- Hancock.

DOF

Response to emergency situation.
General point.

Reprivatisation - have been asking dopts for 2 months, v few responses. Some allocation in this paper - urgent, critical.

DFI - Translink - 10K, 25K schemes - here + now, getting over financial hurdles. Some bids -

anticipated pressures. Helping people to get to Autumn.

Completely different animal.

Not advocating cutting of services.

DAERA - ^{with} provide some evidence.

Furlough - we are not respn. for ALRs

NICS - can give advice to people, not DOF decision on individual staff.

Decisions for each dept.

If dept furloughs own staff - up to depts. Limited opps. for depts to use.

DOH - discussions, info from []

Not sure of repercussive issue - nurses getting pay for COVID, can't stop pay.

Civil servants query - NHS staff putting staff on line.

Care homes 20m - look at how we can best use.

DFC

Health consequence

Service impact

Concerns - households at risk out of cash

DOH - not going to accept money for nurses pay?

COVID - nurses on front line.

Separate case re nurses

DOH - not accepting money for nurses?

DOH Policy decision - if pay nurses for going on strike, makes us responsible financially for [] . Repercussive issue.

DOF to write to DOH &

DFI DOF to write to DFI - can't alter Terms + Conditions for NICS.

DOF I will write to you on all issues.
If staff meet required conditions....

DAERA Councils - down a lot of money. By law, councils required to have reserves.
We shd look at their accounts.
Translink - even before COVID, had issues. DOF - independent audit of Translink's books.

DFI DAERA suggesting DOF investigation into my dept?
I am happy to take vote.
I provided paper - read it + we can discuss.

FM Translink - in trouble before COVID. Bid is COVID related.

DFI Challenge recognized - not just for COVID, Translink is part of economic recovery.

FM

^{DPC} Can only draw council money with dept approval?

DPC

lot of analysis -- huge pressures, we are looking at council reserves. Will continue to scrutinize.

~~DPC~~ DOF

Furberghing
Translink - difficulties, have own audits, vital economic link.
Furberghing - NCS - specific conditions. We can work direct with Treal.
As for individual links if we get advice from Treal.

FM

Agree recomm?

(Yes)

Note content of all related papers?

(Yes)

⑥

Ad Hoc Comm

FM

Sp Note.

DOF

States paper agreed by urgent procedure, will make statute.

DFE Next week - if Economic Recovery
paper agreed?

LPP/LAP

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DFI

Papers coming through
-back to 3 meetings a week?

dKm

Meetings getting longer

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