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Hi NR

Thanks for the read out.

Nothing has come through to us, but that doesn't mean it wasn't shared with the department. I can ask the RWCS team, but equally NR might have seen something come through PO.

Sorry can't be of more help.

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Sophie, Name Redacted

Hope you both had nice weekends.

Just wanted to share the readout from SoS Wales' call with the First Minister of Wales last Friday, which focused predominantly focused on Covid-19 matters. On the health aspect, SoS raised the WG's lockdown review framework (that was published on 24 April) and asked why UKG hadn't been sighted on it beforehand. The FM said the Health Minister had shared the draft document with DHSC a couple of days before the announcement (see highlighted text in the readout below). Can I just check whether either of you were sighted on this before WG published on 24 April?

Thanks,

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Hi all,

A readout of this evenings call between SoS and the FM below.

STARTS

- SoS acknowledged the tensions creeping into their relationship and wanted to see if they could iron them out and address any of the FM's worries. SoS offered to do what he could to fix anything that was broken and opened the floor for the FM to propose
- FM acknowledged he could have asked for help earlier with the contact around lockdown and lifting of it – he outlined that he was expecting further engagement to have taken place since COBR. He acknowledged he may, for example, have asked for help accelerating a reply from CDL to his letter.
- FM asked for support in ensuring that there was an early meeting with CDL next week, ahead of COBR, which SoS agreed to raise with CDL
- SoS reminded the FM that he would have preferred to have notice ahead of the WG lifting the lockdown publication. He made the point that we can provide more support the more information we know and the more advance warning we were given
 - The FM suggested that this was unintentional/an oversight; he suggested that Vaughan Gething had shared a skeleton version of the document with DH
- SoS noted that Vaughan Gething had raised concerns over consultation with the WG over-65 testing regime, and that we had addressed this with DHSc
- Both agreed that, despite difficult circumstances, relations between the two governments is faring well, and that this collaboration would be more important than ever going forward
 - The FM concurred and noted that he was keen to minimise oversights and misunderstandings in the future
 - FM noted that navigating the complexity with common messages will make things easier for the public, and they are firm supporters of the lockdown being lifted across the 4 nations on the same timetable, in the same way
- FM suggested some tweaks that may benefit the public during any further stage of lockdown with minimal risk e.g. exercising in their local area, without allowing travel too far from the home
 - SoS assured that UKG are looking these measures e.g. garden centres, hardware stores. Equally, there are many areas e.g. transport where the lifting will have to be very gradual
 - FM invited this, but cautioned that it would need to be clear that people visit their *local* equivalents of these places
 - Both recognised the need for positive *but clear* message to the public
- SoS raised the track and trace app and regional lockdown – asking that if the evidence pointed to a regional breakout how feasible would it be to close a specific area of Wales

- FM said we should not dismiss this idea in its entirety, and if we do have the data to identify a specific flare up like this then we should not rule it out
- FM raised coal tips
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- On Pembroke Dock Marine project (part of the Swansea City Growth Deal):
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- SoS raised the issue of LAs furloughing staff to address their cash flow issues, and he wanted to know whether this was an instruction or a recommendation from WG, and if so if it was something that HMT knew about it and were minded to support
 - FM said there had been conversations between Minister Evans and CST, which had made it clear that there are some ways that JRS it can be used by LAs for non-mainstream staff (e.g. if they have contracts for leisure centres).
 - FM said they could share the advice they have had from HMT, who advised that as long as they can fit within their rules they should take advantage of the opportunity.
 - FM reassured SoS that he would adhere to the guidelines set out by CST in his note
 - **WO to follow up with HMT to ascertain why SoS was not sighted**

ENDS

Have a good weekend all,

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