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Subject: RE: FM call with CDL 23 June

That's as much as I know as well, Tom, although all guidance for hospitality, recreation and tourism is being drafted by DCMS (minus pubs and restaurants which is within BEIS' remit).

Jason Thomas is in close contact with DCMS (I believe).

Kind regards,

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I think policy leads have seen a lot of it. Rob Holt has seen BEIS and MHCLG guidance on hospitality (including pubs and restaurants) and is looking at a single piece of guidance for Wales for the visitor economy that will also refer to industry guidance. I think that is quite advanced, but as of this morning lawyers have not yet seen it.

Mari Stevens (will now be Marion Stapleton picking up) has also been looking to use the English guidance on close contact personal services (EY producing), but when we spoke last week they were still waiting for English guidance to be finalised. There was hope we would have something ready this week to engage with stakeholders next week.

Weddings, cinemas, galleries and theatres are all new to me so doubt there has been much engagement on them.

Copying in **NR** who can correct me if I've gotten anything wrong.

Regards,

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Do we have any idea about the guidance that is referred to here? Does Welsh Government have sight of it, if not should Andrew Slade be pushing for it?

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Dear all, ps see note below of today's call with CDL re announcement expected from UK at lunchtime.

In light of this, FM wants to explore the options for doing some of these things in Wales but through a mandatory approach, with obligations on sectors to demonstrate compliance with covid secure requirements, and enforcement by eg local authority teams conducting spot checks of premises. We will arrange a meeting to discuss later today.

Summary of call with CDL, FM Scotland and FM/DFM NI.

CDL reported on decisions before UKG Cabinet this am:

- to relax 2 metre rule – refinement not abandonment
- from 4 July- people should still stay 2m apart except for economic activity where mitigation in place: screens, masks, seating arrangements
- people should minimise contact but extra flexibility particularly outdoors
- up to any 6 people can meet outdoors
- any 2 households can meet indoors
- gatherings such as weddings can happen in covid secure venues
- indoor restaurants can operate with only seated service, contact details provided, bookings provide record of everyone there
- hairdressers can open, not tattoo parlours
- overnight stays permissible – self-contained, B&Bs, campsites and hostels, minimise shared facilities
- cinemas, theatres, galleries can open but not live theatre, concerts
- small group collective worship, no singing.

All the above relies on creating covid secure environment with detailed sectoral guidance.

Changes based on advice of group of 4- Simon Case, Covid Perm Sec, Clare Lombardelli, Chief Economic Adviser HMT, CMO and CSO.

FM asked:

- evidence underpinning erosion of indoor/outdoor distinction
- how will they track impact of combined package, given SAGE emphasis on one at a time easement
- how enforce covid secure eg in shared facilities
- how will apply to schools

Arlene Foster – NI planning for 1m in schools, reviewing tourism and hospitality, churches opening next week, pressure re elite athletes access to pools and gyms for training

Nicola Sturgeon – SG will set out tomorrow further indicative dates to open outdoor hospitality and self catering accommodation early July, indoor hospitality and personal services mid July, all with mitigations, limited indoor household contact. Similar to England but at slower pace.

Gove- thinking on extending indoor informed by experience of retail, demonstrated possible to create covid secure environments indoors. Recognise risks re indoor hospitality – guidance will be very specific. Self- contained tourism – inequitable to limit to holiday cottages, campsites ok provided communal facilities hygienic.

- Impact will be monitored rigorously by JBC, TTP essential for responding to any flare ups.
- CMO and CSO will share their analysis.
- Most European countries doing this.
- Sector specific guidance crucial
- Did not reply on schools.

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