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Subject: In confidence: FM call with FM Scotland, deputy FM NI and Mayor of London 9 April

FM has spoken by teleconference to Nicola Sturgeon, Michelle O'Neill and Sadiq Khan ahead of COBRA later today. (Arlene Foster invited but not on call)

All agreed with the line taken by our FM yesterday about no lifting next week or any time soon. Agreed that there is no evidence yet to justify easing restrictions, not clear yet that peak has been reached in London.

Based on FM call with CDL yesterday, they believe UKG will support the message re this weekend, but will be reluctant to give a firm message on continuing restrictions beyond next week. This will risk raising expectations around next week's COBRA that restrictions will be lifted.

Sadiq Khan will share work by his office on international examples of lockdown easement process. They agreed that raising restrictions on a geographical basis would be very risky.

So key issue for today's COBRA is messaging and expectations about the review process and decisions next week. Nicola Sturgeon will circulate a form of words later this morning as a basis for contributions in COBRA.

Thanks
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