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**Subject:** Re: Official Sensitive - Officials' Meeting (papers to follow)

I think VG was at the Implementation Group yesterday - Andrew G can confirm. You Shan be able to attend the Officials Group meeting- it's mostly DGs and Directors. **NR** can sort it.

Shan

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**From:** Burke, Tracey (EPS - Director General) <Tracey.Burke@gov.wales>  
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**Subject:** Re: Official Sensitive - Officials' Meeting (papers to follow)

Shan

Thanks for a really helpful readout, so informative.

Two quick things from me:

1) any news on us getting access to the implementation groups – I'm very keen to see we have engagement on the general public services group (not health). Anything I can do / pursue?

2) I know you're out on Monday at the funeral so I am free to dial in to the officials meeting Monday evening (and do a note to circulate as you are doing) if that would be help?

TB

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Subject: Official Sensitive - Officials' Meeting (papers to follow)

Tonight's Officials' Meeting in Cabinet Office was a brisk and focused meeting conducted mostly by skype. My office will send round the papers. Key points as follows:-

### **Dashboard**

The first three indicators on Slide 2 are up significantly, and we've recorded the first case in a prison (slide 9). This was described as an environment similar to cruise ships.

Are people listening to key government messages? Yes and no –there's been a 70% reduction in tube travel, 59% reduction in transport footfall, and 73% reduction in rail passengers. But only 10% less road traffic.

There have been sharp increases in applications for Universal Credit and Jobseekers Allowance.

The Chancellor is expected to make a further announcement shortly on help for individuals and particularly jobs.

Stores remain concerned about security – exacerbated by rumours of a London lockdown.

### **General Public Sector Ministerial Implementation Group**

The group focussed on the key worker definitions – overall aim being to reduce the school population to about 20% of normal levels. (the group outcomes were as reported by our Health Minister this afternoon)

### **International Group**

They had agreed 5 priorities for international cooperation including repatriation.

### **Decisions by the PM**

On Friday the decision about shielding particularly vulnerable people will be announced. The basic idea is that if we can stop the most vulnerable people from getting the virus the survival chances of the rest of the population will be good. They are looking at ideas from other countries on what has worked. The exact operation of the English shielding helpline is still under discussion.

I explained where we are in Wales on shielding the most vulnerable in the community. I underlined that our contacts with NHS England were critical in helping us developing a robust database for Wales (Andrew Goodall's email)

### **Testing**

The announcement for England was made today. The test for antibodies is still being developed.

### **Call to arms on PPE and ventilators**

There was nothing new to report on ventilators – FCO are in negotiations to secure some from China.

On PPE, deliveries are in hand (listen to Matt Hancock on Question Time tonight). But our supplies seem to come from China via France which is a bit complicated. The issue is volume of supplies needed.

### **Comms**

The PM had been misquoted this evening by some media outlets – his message was that we can “turn the tide” in 12 weeks, not get through it in 12 weeks. **NR** was very concerned about comms discipline in the light of the market turmoil seen over the last couple of days.

### **Other**

**NR** was concerned about lack of alignment across the UK on key messages, as had happened on key workers when the SG had made an early announcement.

There will be a Top 200 VTC on Friday

And “sharper” guidance will be sent out soon making it clear that home working should now be the default.