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Subject: RE: Call with Chris W

Its more a political response than a system response – however I would agree with FM's earlier stance

1. We do have choices and options in place for the NHS to balance capacity with pressures (although the latter will be increasingly precarious into January)
2. In my own discussions with NHS ces (England, Scotland, NI and Wales) we had from the outset offered mutual support if needed at the system level, recognising that the virus at any one point will have high prevalence differing in each country)
3. We have offered other mutual support before on areas, including provision of PPE.
4. It's a regular part of system discussions – not needing SOS intervention...

Andrew

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Andrew

Many thanks for your rapid briefing – I made the main points to Chris. But he'd actually rung to see if I could help "damp down the row" over the letter from Matt Hancock and Simon Hart. He is keen to avoid a row when we need to be able to work together well eg on vaccines. I suggested that he brief Gove to apologise at today's 4 Nations meeting – Chris will try to make that happen.

On Christmas mixing, he thought there would be a change in messaging to focus on behaving sensible and protecting the vulnerable. He thought it unlikely there would be changes to the law as shifts in behaviour are hard to codify.

Toby

How are we responding publicly on the letter?

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My note last night is the salutary one to use – but important that you convey that the NHS in Wales is still responding and still has choice and options to make to have capacity and respond – and to note that even with critical care pressures that we remain 50% lower in critical care than in first wave. We have a really good collective system in place and that is in place – note the sos letter earlier trailed in the press!

The messages in Wales on pressures are about where we will be in January and wanting to ensure that actions are taken that help to mitigate that – and meaning government lockdown actions to support it getting worse – my forecasts and graphs etc – which is moving closer given our doubling rate currently.

You may want to advise that despite significant volumes TTP maintaining its good performance and a higher level of follow up and tracking and we have expanded local teams and surge team more and invested.

Also our mass vaccination process worked really well last week – pro rata we more than did our population ratio – and very little wastage – an emphasis on locally-owned models.

The real issue is at what point government actions will be triggered if really at level 4 already and the potential bringing forward of actions – London's actions are already only in line with Wales anyway (not more) – perhaps ask him if he feels there is any movement on Christmas mixing.

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Importance: High

Hi Andrew

Chris Wormald has asked for a call with me at 1415 – what messages would you want me to give him? And which stats should I use?

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