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All,

Further to this – the FM is clear that Devolved Administrations would need to be at any COBR which makes a decision to close Businesses, even if that decision is only to be taken in relation to London. An England only decision would still have significant implications for Wales, including people exiting England towards Wales. A decision only in relation to London would also have implications.

He's also asked to be reminded about the process in relation to any potential decision to close businesses in Wales under the Coronavirus legislation. Is it Welsh Ministers that make that decision, or is it the Secretary of State following the advice of Welsh Ministers?

Grateful if colleagues could liaise with UKG to clarify the situation in relation to the potential COBR please to press the need for Devolved Administrations to be involved.

Neil – could you provide some brief information on the Bill query?

Thanks very much,

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Please see the actions from today's Prime Minister's COVID-19 strategy meeting.

Thanks

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Good morning,

Please find the below and attached the meeting from the today's Prime Minister's COVID-19 meeting (20/03/2020). Please treat with sensitivity.

0915 PRIME MINISTER'S C-19 STRATEGY MEETING

20 March 2020

LIVE ACTIONS

1. CABINET SECRETARIAT to provide the PRIME MINISTER with final advice on increasing compliance with the Government's aim to prevent social gatherings by asking businesses to close services where the objective is to encourage groups of people to meet socially (pubs, restaurants, bars); and whether to do this locally in London or more broadly; for PM decision at a 1pm meeting.
2. CABINET SECRETARIAT to include sighting analysis on the impacts and implications of closing further 'non-essential' establishments – ie leisure businesses which do not have a primary objective of encouraging groups of people to meet - at the 1pm meeting.
3. CABINET SECRETARIAT to prepare to convene COBR should the Prime Minister's decision be to ask any businesses to close down, and consider whether to invite the Devolved Administrations and / or the Mayor of London depending on the decision on geographical extent.
4. MHCLG to commence preparing guidance for businesses who will be asked to close services, provisionally on the basis that this will be targeted at businesses which provide functions that encourage people to meet socially.
5. DWP to report urgently to the General Public Sector Ministerial Implementation Group at 1pm today (20 March) on how they are expediting work to put in place call centres to support vulnerable people subject to the shielding announcement, so that the shielding announcement can be made as soon as possible.

6. DHSC, working with CDL, CMO, CSA and all departments, to articulate a three month battle plan to tackle the virus, to be scrutinised by the Health Ministerial Implementation Group ahead of being put to the PM strategy meeting Sunday 22 March; the battle plan should bring together all relevant activity alongside key milestones and targets on a timeline; including

- a. Testing and new technology;
- b. Data gathering
- c. Social interventions.

7. CCS to work with DHSC to include more detailed information in the dashboard on testing and PPE; for example, the number of people tested, progress with developing and rolling out new test kits, and increasing PPE.

8. FCO to work urgently with the Italian Government to make sure there is no interruption in the supply of key components in testing kits that are manufactured in Italy.

LIVE DECISIONS

1. The announcement on shielding should not take place until there is assurance that the call centre and support package is in place; noting that this should be achieved as soon as possible and ideally to allow announcement Sunday (action 4).

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS 0815 OFFICIALS MEETING

1. CCS to work today with DHSC, NHS to stand up a plan for making sure there is detailed data on pressures on the health system, and compliance with interventions, broken down by regions across the country.

2. DEFRA to advise on how they are working with supermarkets to put in place measures to allow key workers priority access to food supplies as part of the item being discussed at the Public Sector Readiness Ministerial Implementation Group on Monday.

3. CABINET SECRETARIAT and No 10 to confirm what the press conference and meeting routine over the weekend will be as soon as possible.

4. DHSC to update on work to identify a domestic manufacturer of testing kits by midday today (20 March).

Many thanks,

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