

TITLE/ORGANISATION	Covid-19 Executive Office Engagement- Disability Sector
VENUE:	Zoom
DATE/TIME:	Thursday 20 January 2022 at 4.15pm
List of Attendees:	Nuala Toman (Disability Action) Tony (North West Disability Forum) Claire Lavery (RNID) Jane Holmes (TEO) Name Redacted (TEO) Name Redacted (TEO)
Apologies:	n/a
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: Meeting held to discuss the changes to the Covid rules agreed by the Executive today specifically the change to the face covering rules outlined below: From 21 January 12 noon: On face coverings – the requirement to provide proof of exemption will be removed and the reasonable excuse of ‘severe distress’ will be reintroduced. Jane requested that this change is communicated to the members of the groups on the call and if possible to the sector more widely. The fact that the grace period had never come to an end also highlighted. Explained that GPs did not have capacity to provide proof of exemption and following stakeholder engagement the Executive decided to return to the rules in place before Christmas 2021. This was received positively by Disability Groups on the call who also welcomed the engagement with TEO to date. With regards to specific interventions in the Recovery Plan - engagement with DfC in relation to Disability Strategy was agreed as the way best way for Tony to be updated on some of interventions most relevant to the disability sector. This strategy is one of the Social Inclusion Strategies referenced in the Recovery Plan on which DfC lead.	
ACTION POINTS/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE/TARGET DATE: Disability Action and North West Disability Forum to provide feedback on the Recovery plan and Equality Screening documents by 31 January 2022.	

• NR to share links for the Covid Recovery Plan and the Equality Screening with Name so she can also provide feedback.	
Minutes written by: Name Redacted	Date: 20 January 2022