

MEETING NOTE (15 July 2020)

INV Number:

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		Ministerial meeting with local charities to discuss shielding of vulnerable people	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. PB	Via Zoom	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
LIST OF ATTENDEES:		FM, DFM, Roisin Kerr (Macmillan), Joan McEwan (Marie Curie), Fearghal McKinney (British Heart Foundation), John McCormick (Versus Arthritis), Amanda James (Action Mental Health), Declan Cunnane (Chest, Heart, Stroke)	
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OFFICIALS:	Mark Goodfellow – PPS FM Carol Morrow – PS FM		
OTHERS:	Philip Weir		
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:			
Each charity provided an update on their status, challenges presented by COVID. FM welcomed opportunity to engage, emphasising that the partnership approach was key to the Executive's 5 step plan. FM voiced appreciation for the role of the voluntary and community sector and the contribution the sector had made. FM updated attendees on appointment of an interim Mental Health Champion and			

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suggested the group engage with DfC and DoH Ministers more widely. Noted continued importance of Health Service transformation.

DFM expressed need to capture learning points – including positive ones to build on for the future. Virtual meetings like this have been helpful in reaching out to wider stakeholders, but keen to reinstate face to face engagement where possible. Recognised the Tsunami of incoming need and signalled a commitment for more support to be provided. Future focus of the Executive is on recovery.

Meeting concluded with Joan McEwan suggesting they would capture the discussion points in writing and share with Ministers. They would also engage further directly with DfC and DoH Ministers.

ISSUES AGREED:

N/A

ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:

N/A

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