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**Subject:** OFF-SEN - Readout | Post-Cabinet Covid-19 update: CDL, SoS TOs and First Ministers  
of the DAs

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Hi all,

Following today's Cabinet call to agree a national lockdown for England, CDL rung the First Ministers of the DAs to update them on the measures. SoS TOs were all on the line.

Below is a readout of the call; I'll circulate the formal summary from CDL's office too when it comes round.

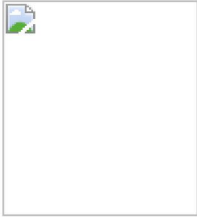
Attached is the Cabinet paper summarising the measures (not for onward please).

Thanks,

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- The FM and Declan Kearney were on the line from the NIE (dFM was unavailable).
- **CDL** outlined the additional Covid-19 measures UKG is planning to introduce to protect the NHS in England. In terms of next steps, there will be a PM press conference this afternoon, a Commons statement on Monday, and a debate and vote on the regulations ahead of them coming in to effect at midnight on Wednesday. They will be reviewed on 2 December.
- **CDL** said it would be important for UKG and the DAs to stay as aligned as possible in messaging, emphasising the shared endeavour to slow the spread of the virus and protect the NHS. He said there will be an officials' call tomorrow with HMT to discuss additional funding support (PO haven't received the details of this yet).
- **Mark Drakeford** said officials would need to discuss likely border issues arising when the Welsh lockdown has ended but the English lockdown is still going e.g. unintended consequences of English residents visiting Wales to access hospitality venues.
- **Nicola Sturgeon** said Scottish levels system was slowing the spread in Scotland. She asked for more detail on the financial package and whether this would be available if DAs pursue a different timeline of Covid measures. On messaging, she said we would need a consistent position on travel.
- **Arlene Foster** updated on NI restrictions i.e. hospitality measures and the upcoming return of schools. Said we would need further discussion of UKG support of sectors impacted by lockdown, especially hospitality.
- **Declan Kearney** said he wasn't surprised by the decision given case numbers and wished UKG well with restrictions. He asked what UKG's position would be on non-essential retail. CDL said it would be shared with the DAs once BEIS had refined it.
- **CDL** said there would be an another update call with the same cast list early in the coming week.

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