

Attendees

- Karen Pearson
- Chris McNabb
- Jane Holmes
- Nigel McMahon DoH
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Note

Nigel

- Revised table hasn't been sent on to CMO CSA
- DOH meeting at 1.30pm with CMO & CSA
- updated Chris Stewart re updated table – have asked CMO & CSA for initial views not to complete earlier table.

Karen explained that there was expectation from HOCS for political meetings and they would need a proposition to talk about.

We need to know any health red lines

Jane added that it is important the Minister of Health is sighted on CMO/CSA views in advance of any engagement with FM and DFM.

Chris agreed that we'd need to have something on paper from CMO CSA.

Nigel

- Not wanting to pre-empt the views of CMO/CSA but in viewing the R paper its quite a mixed picture
- things are beginning to decline – but still highest number of cases in the CTA
- its probably best we have seen for a while and things are improving but only slowly

Living with covid

Karen moved the conversation to Living with COVID

Timings from DAs

Wales same trajectory – March 3rd similar position

Scotland - w/c 21 (22 maybe)

England – end of March

We are in regular contact with DAs – meeting again on Friday

In terms of comms alignment with four nations

Chris – slightly nervous we are going ahead of England

Is the doc about behaviours

England may say you don't need a mask

Scotland will encourage people to for indoor settings

The three nations have been more conservative than England

Comms colleague – effort to bring comms and policy colleagues next week,

More uniform we can make this –

Karen – behaviours and health advice – something about ability to ramp up – as common ground for England to tell us their plans on testing.

Strategy is about getting through the next 12 months

CHRIS – the title needs work

KP – we need your pixie dust on that

Nigel – we could have something that doesn't mention covid

Kp – wg feels they could get pressure to go earlier if Scotland is out

Guidance – **NR** gave an overview of the guidance

Jane – what's your view Chris re WMS or oral statement

Chris – wms – with possible oral statement next week – but think WMS more likely

Jane – we will prep for both

Chris - no real appetite for oral statement

Jane – **NR** what about regs

NR – need to see more detail – would be good to have a few drafts

Chris – 11.30 seeing CMO and CSA

WILL HAVE A GENERAL CONVO re what we should be talking to Genis about