

MEETING NOTE

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		CMO Call – 17 June 2020		
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stormont Castle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	Zoom
LIST OF ATTENDEES:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS	dFM, Minister Swann JM Kearney JM Lyons Dara O Hagan, SPAD	
OFFICIALS:	Michael McBride, CMO Ian Young, CSA Karen Pearson, TEO Donal Moran, PPS Deirdre Griffith, PS			
OTHERS:				
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: <p>Karen explained to Ministers why the draft paper wasn't available yet.</p> <p>CSA advised that it had been difficult to get the level of detail required and a lot of issues were subject to Risk Assessment and change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of Hospitality Sector - 26 June or 3 or 4 July • Hair Salon and Barbers – possibly 6 July • Indoor Sports/High Performance athletes • Museums – not essential for tomorrow, looking at late August • Libraries – 5 to open in mid-July, followed by 12 others later. 17 in total over the summer months. 				

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

MOH indicated that it is now 6:20pm and the Executive is at 10am in the morning. DfC information has only just been received and needs to be Risk Assessed. Can Executive start time be pushed back to noon tomorrow?

CMO advised that the Risk Assessment will be done overnight if the information comes in and that earlier drafts had been reviewed to identify gaps. It will be possible to Risk Assess individual areas but not possible to do the cumulative Risk Assessment which will lead to substantial criticism. Teams hasn't looked at Libraries and Museums and no sense yet when Wet Pubs should open.

Karen Pearson indicated that she was keen to review some of the areas next week but that Ministers would have a paper to review later on tonight.

JM Kearney queried the process for co-ordinating, compiling and assessing information. He suggested taking a strategic approach, deliver what can be delivered tomorrow and then take a longer term view to the end of July.

JK Lyons queries when places of worship would be opened for funerals and weddings and the numbers allowed to attend.

CSO advised that the R rates is sitting between 0.6 and 0.9 and we are seeing very low level of Covid in the community (circa 40 cases per day) and most are in Care Home settings. As a result thought is being given to reducing social distancing guidance for children to 1m and in Child Care doubling the size of the bubble. He did highlight that the risks will increase as the restrictions are relaxed.

ISSUES AGREED:

ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:

Executive to be re-scheduled to 12:00 noon.

NOTE WRITTEN BY:

Donal Moran PPS

DATE:

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