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Can we discuss please.

Thanks

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Could you consider point 2 from the FM and let me have some of the obvious candidates (eg level of case over time; success in terms of reductions in movement over time).

Ta

Peter

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David,

Just to confirm that FM has noted the comments of dFM and is content that these be reflected in the approach. For completeness, FM views (shared yesterday with dFM) are:

1. It is important to assure the public that there is a high degree of planning going on across government in advance of the decisions to remove restrictions being taken.
2. Would suggest that some of the graphics developed for the daily sitrep could be utilised to enhance any document.
3. Would suggest that the date for the statement should be on the same day as publication as making a statement about a forthcoming document would not be straightforward.
4. Would suggest that the content of the document should cover non-Covid healthcare as this will become more of an issue. The Scottish paper may have referred to direct harms from Covid and the indirect harms and that is where non Covid healthcare comes in ie cancer, stroke, heart, mental health etc.
5. Would also want the document to have a strong focus on criteria led as opposed to calendar led ie we will move when the criteria are satisfied.
6. It should also outline that we will look at the experiences of governments across the world in relation to recovery and renewal and learn the lessons from their interventions.

I hope this is helpful.

Mark

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Are we likely to get any feedback from the FM side? And any reaction to the dFM comments?

David

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Morning David,
Please see comments from dFM in relation to your sub - Coronavirus: The NI Executive Approach.
Thanks
Carol

In the Ministerial foreword/introduction - important to state the interventions taken by the Executive to slow down the spread incl closure of non-essential business/services; schools/universities; public libraries, leisure centres, cemeteries/churches, etc and introduction of social distancing and the impact of the restrictions as a result of the outbreak on family, community, health service, etc.

Also include gratitude to the selflessness and courage of frontline healthcare workers.

Also important to state that the Executive put in place economic package to give relief to households, help workers, those on benefits and businesses to give people peace of mind and maximum support.

This is the biggest public health crisis we have faced in a generation, and as a five party Executive our priority is to save lives and also protect livelihoods through unity of purpose, shared leadership and collective responsibility.

Current position -

Would add something on how Executive powers were used and what oversight, scrutiny and democratic accountability has been provided through written statements and oral statements/briefings to the Assembly I.e Ad-Hoc committee and weekly attendance by Ministers.

Meetings on N/S and E/W and MoU between CMO's important to note.

How the Executive will reach decisions/Next steps - important to emphasise review of restrictions based upon scientific modelling evidence and medical advice, and set out some principles/criteria rather than calendar led ...for instance;

Protection of public health remains primary objective

Action will be based on scientific and medical evidence and we will learn from international experiences

Surveillance capacity including testing, contact tracing and isolating

Assembly/Executive is a devolved public administration with the ability to take a regional approach

Spread of the virus must reduce and stabilise for a period of time showing reduction in new infections, hospitalisation etc

Evidence of sufficient health service capacity

Explanation of approach - Draw from above

Conclusion -

Important to note that if and when restrictions are relaxed, it will be done gradually and not a sudden blanket lifting of measures. Safe alternative interventions will be required to replace existing general measures to target risk yet allow a return to social, educational and economic activity. It must be flagged that the Executive reserves the legal powers under the Coronavirus Act to re-impose restrictions where and when necessary, so there's no surprises.

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Please see attached for the attention of FM and dFM.

Many thanks

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