

## TEO OFFICIALS MEETING NOTE

Date 7pm, 1 December 2020

<b>TITLE/ORGANISATION:</b>		<b>CMO CSA MoH FM DFM JMs mtg</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>01/12/2020</b>	<b>NOTE WRITTEN BY:</b>		Carol Morrow
<b>VENUE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoom		<b>Officials present</b>	PO and Spads
<b>KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:</b>				
		<p><b>DFM</b> – discussion held this morning. Karen was going to do a paper and clarity is needed on this. DFM asked MOH if he is bringing a paper on post 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.</p> <p><b>CMO</b> – pinch point is in hospitality. MOH made that point. A number of Ministers state that clarity was required for them asap. MfE asked at last night's mtg that Karen do a paper and CMO and CSA would provide input on risk and community transmission impact. Modelling group had assessed that opening would upward pressure on R but would not translate to significant pressures on health care until after Xmas period.</p> <p><b>CSA</b> – Opening of hospitality can't be considered on its own, has to be with other sectors. If sector opens with mitigations in place, and assuming other sectors also open with mitigations in place, R would rise significantly but not become overwhelming until after Xmas.</p> <p><b>DFM</b> – if objective is to keep R low, then don't understand how this will work.</p> <p><b>MOH</b> – (had lost signal) – recollection was that we asked MfE to lead on a piece of work on how to get hospitality to open with reduced risk. Thought each Dept would submit to the risk matrix, come through TEO to DoH to input on.</p> <p><b>CMO</b> – from a narrow health perspective the way to maintain R being low is to maintain all current restrictions. Series of policy choices for the Executive relaxations which they can then advise on. Clear priority in relation to schools which causes difficulties in keeping both them and hospitality open. If Executive has other options, DoH can provide advice.</p>		

	<p><b>FM</b>- Karen has provided an overview of British isles position and my understanding is that Karen will produce a paper with input from DfE and DoH. Paper will be from the Executive. Asked for update on R.</p> <p><b>CSA</b> - Modelling group met today to look at data. Rise in R number for cases, round about 1. Will be lag until it is seen in hospital admissions. Would expect R for cases will fall for next weeks as reflection of current restrictions and R for admissions will rise next week then fall again.</p> <p><b>FM</b> – asked about virus behaviour</p> <p><b>CSA</b> – it is behaving as modelling would suggest, but still a level of unpredictability. Concerns about Christmas. Less mixing over Xmas, so R number will decrease, so might see R for cases falls, but upward pressure in hospital mixing due to mixing of elderly and vulnerable.</p> <p><b>CMO</b> – brings into focus the importance of advice around Xmas for vulnerable and students particularly for the ten days before mixing.</p> <p><b>FM</b> – would be good to have the Q&amp;A booklet</p> <p><b>DFM</b> – needs students and nursing home piece added and would want it out by Thursday</p> <p><b>KP</b> – Reported back on mtg with hospitality sector, some good ideas came out, working on a paper and hope to get to CMO and CSA.</p> <p><b>DFM</b> – What is the emerging thinking?</p> <p><b>KP</b> – will lay out the position in paper in respect to other jurisdictions and what mitigations are available.</p> <p><b>FM</b> – Q&amp;A?</p> <p><b>KP</b> – working on that and there are some sections missing but hoping to pull together. Xmas household configuration paper will go in this evening.</p> <p><b>DFM</b> – what is the thinking on what constitutes a bubble?</p> <p><b>CMO</b> – 3 households, inc one already bubbled.</p> <p><b>DFM</b> - numbers?</p> <p><b>CMO</b> – no limit suggested. Limited number of households rather than people.</p> <p>General conversation about support for vulnerable people and messaging on that.</p> <p>General conversation on content on paper.</p> <p><b>CMO</b> - had mtg with faith leaders. Discussed use of face masks in churches, would be relatively small change that could help.</p> <p><b>FM</b> - think it is within certain denominations.</p> <p><b>JMK</b> – those keen to make it compulsory are already doing it.</p> <p><b>CMO</b> – very welcome to communicate message from the Executive</p>
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	<p><b>DFM</b> – messaging piece over Xmas. Need consistent messaging from leaders, MLAs, council leaders etc. Get a message and ask people to make it their corporate branding. Hospitality – have spoken to many pub owners asking to be kept closed. Keep an option for those to stay closed and see if we can get financial assistance.</p> <p><b>KP</b> <b>NR</b> confirmed this option this afternoon, should be voluntary opening.</p> <p><b>FM</b> – is current financial support enough?</p> <p><b>DFM</b> – sector not saying that but can we support them not to open, will keep numbers down.</p> <p><b>FM</b> – MfE has wet pubs fund so will be more money for them.</p> <p><b>DFM</b> – huge engagement on zoom with people – Chris to lead.</p>
<b>ACTION POINTS:</b>	<p><b>KP to submit paper by tomorrow afternoon, including the default position to compare. Paper to include outlook to January – one set of Regs with a Xmas exemption that will run right through to Jan.</b></p> <p><b>CMcN - Bring in <b>NR</b> NICCY and COPNI and Exec Ministers to work on a joint message on isolation and Christmas.</b></p>