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Our emails crossed. Happily, we got to the same place!

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Further to my earlier email I have now spoken to PSNI again and to leading Board members.

All agree that we should retain Board primacy if enforcement issues arise.

Practically the Board will now make it clear what mechanism of theirs will oversee this issue and we can all use that as the way to deflect any issues that get raised at CCG (as well as trying to keep the Justice Committee out of this space).

So issues about individuals behaviour etc is for CCG and Ministerial messaging but enforcement should go to the Board - tho if we got into public order space that will not maintain of course.

Peter

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Peter

To see below. There are two things I want to avoid:

The Chief Con engaging directly with FM and dFM; and  
Demands from other ministers to dial in to CCG.

For example, I don't want this issue escalated via CCG such that FM and dFM pick it up in a way that bypasses the Policing Board and MoJ.

This is already a live risk as JM Lyons has raised a constituency issue re road checks which the DCC committed to coming back on, presumably on Monday morning. I suppose it's also likely we may see images of people on beaches etc this weekend as the weather forecast looks good tomorrow.

Advice welcome on how we might manage out these risks.

David

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Some thoughts.

I'm not sure it is wise for Simon to go straight to politicians. Can we maybe reach out for a meeting before he does that, enforcement will be one of the rubbing points when we look back. I'm sure Peter is talking to Mark H regularly but can we see what Simon has in mind for political engagement. Next week will be MACA request so let's get a feel for what PSNI have in mind too.

Chris will note the comms points.

On the justice system backlog, England are moving to triage cases to progress the ones that are likely to plead guilty. They have a system for this which isn't mirrored here. I'll talk to Glyn.

Karen

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For information and in case this develops into a story.

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Peter,

Key points from today's Platinum follow below. I have cc'd Karen and Anthony so they are aware of potential comms issues around enforcement, in the event that lots of people decide to travel for a sunny day at the beach tomorrow (in 13 degree weather...?).

- Doug Garrett, new Chair of the Policing Board was on the call.
- Chief Constable wants to start 'looking over the hill' to less immediate issues and joked about 'looking forward to asking Doug for lots of money'.
- Mark McEwan is to bring a paper to Platinum next week on addressing the backlog in the Justice System (I assume this is on the back of the meeting Glyn had with PSNI and PPS).
- There was some discussion on the legality of keeping gyms open and differing legal opinions. Mark Hamilton is speaking to CMO and seeking a National position as well.
- Mark H and the Chief Constable had a useful conversation with Drew Harris to share learning from Covid 19 as experienced by the Gardai.
- Staffing – currently stable.
- PPE – Lorry arrived in England to collect 100,000 surgical masks which were unavailable. This is causing stress and could impact on effectiveness. While the sense was that they are 'solid' around high risk areas of the business they are light elsewhere (a major stress and strain).
- There was a long conversation around the possibility of people seeking to take advantage of a decent weather forecast for Saturday and to travel to beaches (particular concerns over Portstewart and Portrush which are both still open to the public). The plan is to work with Local District officers to ensure filtering on routes in, use of social media and having presence at the entrance to beaches. This may be the first significant test of new powers. Leaflets (N=12,000) are being developed for use from next week which stress the '3 Es' but they may need to move to the fourth (enforcement). The Chief Constable felt it was not for the PSNI to compensate for a point on which the legislation is silent - it was for politicians to give clarity on travel for exercise. Long story short – this is one issue to be aware of and it

may indeed be the first real test of powers. Ryan Feeney and Alan Todd are working on a key message which emphasises common sense and responsibility.

- Mark Hamilton asked how they might ensure people 'up the hill' knew that there may be a move to enforcement. This is to be discussed again on Monday but one to be aware of for CCGNI. The Chief Constable may just engage directly with key politicians.
- A formal letter has been received from Amnesty Intl re-use of spit hoods and guards. Also informal queries have been raised by the Human Rights Adviser to the Policing Board (which will be formalised). The use of this policy is to be reviewed every Friday.
- Testing – the intention is to keep exploring and keep options open.
- Training – the Chief Constable will write to DOJ asking for discretion around timescales for graduation. Maura's team has been working on this and preparatory work is well underway to facilitate this change. Mark Hamilton suggested some more policy underpinning would be useful, as the Ombudsman had asked how the proposed change might impact on Officers and on the Organisation. Tim Mairs is lead on this.

Hope this is useful. Happy to speak.

Julie

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