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Subject: RE: Impact of Covid on BAME groups

Richard

Noted thanks.

David

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Our stats colleagues in the Department were trying to do some work on the BAME issue, but this has been paused as NISRA is now looking at it. The latest position from NISRA is set out below.

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In relation to questions related to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups, ONS has produced figures based on linking Census 2011 and death registration information. Given that migration to Northern Ireland peaked more recently than 2011 when the last Census was taken, NISRA are taking a different approach by looking at country of birth information recorded on death certificates which is likely to be more meaningful in the Northern Ireland context. This analysis will be published before the end of June and will compare COVID-19 related deaths to non COVID-19 deaths, by country of birth over the period 1 March – 31 May 2020.

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Richard/Sue

I received the attached presentation at this morning's Whitehall HoDs meeting. It shows the disproportionate impact which Covid has had on BAME groups (death rate 4.3 times higher than in the white community). Two questions:

Richard: the number of BAME people in NI is much lower than elsewhere in the UK, but is there any evidence of similar impacts here?

Sue: there was strong sense from WH colleagues that a combination of the Covid impact on minority groups plus the reaction to the George Floyd death in the US has had a profound impact on BAME civil servants. Again, our numbers are relatively low, but any evidence of any negative impact here?

David

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