

[29/04/2020, 22:01:55] Lourda/Olive/Naresh/David: You created group "Lourda/Olive/Naresh/David"

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[29/04/2020, 22:13:03] Michael McBride: Lourda, Olive, Naresh, David, suggest we need to rapidly develop a line and communication, Olive as we discussed this evening.

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Perhaps along the lines of: the change and move to testing all residents & HCWs in any new outbreak will also be extended on a detailed risk assessment and the advice of expert Health Protection teams to care homes with previous outbreaks were on assessment the outbreak has not settled and there are concerns in respect of ongoing transmission.

It is important that testing is used effectively guided by the advice of Health Protection teams. The role of asymptomatic carriage in ongoing transmission is not clear. Any contribution is likely to be small. There is no evidence that asymptomatic carriage is significantly driving transmission."

[29/04/2020, 22:14:45] Lourda Geoghan: Telepathy - just writing up almost similar approach now - will email u, Olive, Naresh & David (small group first) and see what u think. L

[29/04/2020, 22:28:29] Lourda Geoghan: If the approach (based on risk assessment) both CMO and I suggest, we'll need feedback on feasibility from Olive - but I think we're probably going to have to move this now. Have just emailed summary of approach for ur thoughts. Re lines - would suggest concluding with sentence that contribution is likely to be small, summary paper Gregor shared describes study from Italy they have summarised as 'the study from Vo' clearly demonstrated that there was evidence of transmission to others from a symptomatic cases' - so a bit nervous given the evidence gap and this summary. L

[29/04/2020, 22:39:35] Michael McBride: Ok content with this and agreed.

[29/04/2020, 22:41:06] Lourda Geoghan: Will link with Olive early tomorrow - she's a morning person so will pick up early in the AM. L

[29/04/2020, 22:46:30] Michael McBride: Many thanks. Michael

[30/04/2020, 07:00:27] Olive MacLeod: Thanks lourda, happy to talk on my way in to linen hall Street

[17/05/2020, 15:15:48] Michael McBride:  
<https://twitter.com/COPNI/status/1261946143333855232?s=09>

[07/07/2020, 12:15:20] Michael McBride: Apparently reports of outbreak in Newry & Mourne growing legs with media coverage & local action. Minister receiving queries. We need to get ahead of this and call and advise. David can you and Stephen discuss. Olive I have sent an update to Minister as per your email. We may need a urgent call to discuss approach.

[07/07/2020, 12:52:32] Olive MacLeod: Ok

[07/07/2020, 13:03:10] Michael McBride: A short statement might suffice providing clarification & advising will only comment when necessary for public health messaging.

[07/07/2020, 13:11:35] Olive MacLeod: Working on statement will send to David ASAP

[07/07/2020, 13:19:33] Michael McBride: Many thanks

[07/07/2020, 14:08:22] Lourda Geoghan: We have also received the updated paper in clusters/outbreaks from Philip today - I expect it will set out details for i) weekly reporting of cluster activity and ii) notification of particular items (potential clusters or outbreaks) to us from PHA. Paper just through late morning today. L

[07/07/2020, 14:13:15] Olive MacLeod: Just received paper.

[19/07/2020, 14:29:09] Michael McBride: Lourda, Naresh, Olive. Locked out of my emails at present. Anything urgent ring me. Michael

[19/07/2020, 14:33:30] Olive MacLeod: Will do, steady in Ballymena, will have today report later.

[19/07/2020, 14:35:28] Naresh Chada: Will do. Thanks Naresh

[19/07/2020, 14:52:05] Lourda Geoghan: Ok, L

[15/08/2020, 23:38:15] Michael McBride: My sense is we are now entering the next phase. It would be useful to touch base Monday pm when our position and that of RoI more settled following meetings Monday am. Not certain I can add any further by way of detail tomorrow although happy to discuss. I suspect by Tuesday pm ROI and possibly we also or alternatively on Thursday following NI Executive will announcing further restrictions. Chris, fully concur re the joint message re schools - this must now be a collective priority.

[15/08/2020, 23:40:20] Michael McBride: See my message to CMO colleagues above. Gregor and Chris have advised they are in similar circumstances. Suggested call tomorrow or Monday to discuss.

[15/02/2021, 09:04:42] Michael McBride: Olive,

As reported not consistent with the evidence of role of children in household transmission by SAGE and potentially open to misinterpretation. Grateful if you could forward the presentation and details of what was said as the Minister has requested. Michael

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-56061942>

[15/02/2021, 09:20:42] Olive MacLeod: Have sent you email exchange between Joanne and Adrian Murphy Education. It was Joanna's presentation but presented by Adrian.

[15/02/2021, 09:24:58] Michael McBride: Olive, many thanks. PHA should not be presenting directly to another government Department on matters likely to influence policy. Matters of policy and policy advice are for DoH informed by PHA. That is the long-standing convention. Michael

[15/02/2021, 09:33:21] Olive MacLeod: Michael, I understand our role, however was cleared by Naresh. Olive

[15/02/2021, 10:21:12] Michael McBride: Olive the statements at least as reported and attributed to the PHA do not accurately reflect the evidence in relation to schools and transmission which is extremely unfortunate and problematic given decisions this week. Michael

[15/02/2021, 10:43:18] Naresh Chada: Colleagues. Happy to take responsibility. Decision made by me. Seen in the context of an epidemiological update to colleagues in education.

[13/12/2021, 01:08:14] David Gordon: David Gordon left