

MEETING NOTE (10 November 2020)

INV Number:

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		Meeting with Minister Dodds – Covid-19 Exit	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. PB	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	Castle Buildings zoom call
LIST OF ATTENDEES:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Spad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS	
OFFICIALS:	Dr McBride, CMO <div style="border: 1px dashed black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">NR</div> PS Minister Dodds		
OTHERS:			
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:			
General issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Min Dodds : Lockdown – you know my views/labour market survey – highest number of predicted and actual number of redundancies• We have had 3500 redundancies/Bombardier have had people not working since March• Covid Vaccine Programme and roll out of mass testing v will this allow us to get out of the circuit breaker cycle?• Behaviours need to change and the Councils need to help• Min Swann – decrease in numbers of positive tests but hospital numbers not falling. Reasons, keeping more people alive – staying in hospital longer, using steroids, eg diabetes. 1st wave we emptied the hospitals this time we have tried to keep things open			
Covid-19 Vaccine Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Min Swann – update on the vaccine programme including the role of JVCi and potential logistical issues			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min Dodds - we will publish the potential costs of this 4 week lockdown to the economy in a paper (today) to the Executive £400m. <p>Current restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min Dodds – if they allow close contact to open are you opposed to that? Min Swann – close contact in our estimate we will need to look for further restrictions between the 15 and 30 December - .05 this is significant when R is close to 1 Min Dodds – do we have any up to date figures what R looks like now that the schools are back? CMO – seems to be somewhere around the region above 0.7 too early to be definitive Min Dodds - I would like my officials to work with PHA and the Department about opening the industry safely – whether this be from this Friday or 27th 	
<p>ISSUES AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That DfE will continue to engage at official level with DOH colleagues to develop measures to address the reopening of the hospitality sector. 	
<p>ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:</p>	
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