

**MEETING NOTE (20.1.2021)**

**Official-sensitive**



<b>TITLE/ORGANISATION:</b>		MOD RE MACA REQUEST	
<b>VENUE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. PB	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER:</b>	ZOOM CALL
<b>LIST OF ATTENDEES:</b>		<i>Minister James Heapey, Minister for the Armed Forces</i> <i>Brigadier</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NR MOD <i>Lt Col</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NR MOD <input type="checkbox"/> NR MOD	
<b>X Minister</b>	<b>XSpad</b>	<b>X PS</b>	
<b>OFFICIALS:</b>	<b>Professor Charlotte McArdle</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NR <b>David Gordon</b>		
<b>OTHERS:</b>			
<b>KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details set out in the MACA request submitted on Thursday 14 January</li> <li>• DOH/MOD NI has everything in place and ready to go</li> <li>• Minister Swann advised that FMdFM were content that the request for MACA should be led by DOH. Formal notification to FMdFM was provided on 14.1.2021 with no objections raised to date.</li> <li>• Role of the Combat Medical Technicians (CMTs) on deployment to NI hospitals.</li> <li>• Minister Heapey – deployment of CMTs will be subject to frequent review as there may be a requirement to redeploy them to the National Vaccine Programme or elsewhere across the UK.</li> <li>• Communications and media handling</li> </ul>			

**ISSUES AGREED:**

- Minister Heapey confirmed his approval, and that of the Secretary of State for Defence, to the MACA request and that 110 CMT will be deployed to NI to assist with the COVID pandemic.
- CMTs will only be used in NI's hospitals - Antrim Area Hospital, Ulster Hospital Dundonald and the Belfast City Hospital Nightingale facility.
- Deployment of CMTs will be kept under frequent review.
- Any communication/media will be led by MOD NI and DOH at a local level.

**ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:**

- MOD officials will put final preparations in place to start deployment of CMTs with effect from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January in consultation with DOH Chief Nursing Officer and her team.
- Brigadier [NR] Lt Col [NR] [NR] CNO and David G will work together on a Communications/Media plan including lines to take. DG will liaise with NIO on preparation and plans.

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