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Fwd: [PAPERS] COVID-19 Operations (38) Committee Meeting @ 15:30-1700 Thurs 01 October

Holly Clark <holly.clark@nio.gov.uk>

5 October 2020 at 11:34

To: SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk>

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Hi [redacted] NR

It's more of a general point about engagement. We want a mature relationship with DoH on covid. This isn't about us interfering, but about understanding the pressures and the nuances and being able to amplify these points in Parliament and advocate for NI.

Hope that helps

Holly

Holly Clark

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On Mon, 5 Oct 2020 at 11:48, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

Thanks [redacted] NR [redacted] is there anything specifically that we want Robin Swann to tell his DoH officials e.g are we struggling for information from DoH in any way? If so, please can we add to the briefing and I can flag with SOS that he should raise.

[redacted] NR

On Mon, 5 Oct 2020 at 11:03, [redacted] NR [redacted]@nio.gov.uk wrote:

Hi [redacted] NR

Please see attached the Robin Swann briefing. Once confirmed, please can you add the timing for the meeting.

You will see there are also two bullets on the potential upcoming Quad, drafted on the assumption that the meeting goes ahead this week and RS will attend. If Quad is not confirmed, please delete.

Many thanks

[redacted] NR

On Fri, 2 Oct 2020 at 16:05, [redacted] NR [redacted]@nio.gov.uk wrote:

Hi [redacted] NR

We'll have something ready for you by 11am on Monday.

Thanks,

[redacted] NR

On Fri, 2 Oct 2020 at 14:43, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi all

Thanks for the work on briefing. I asked SOS and he said nothing of particular interest around NI was raised. We did have some connectivity issues however so maybe worth chasing up CO colleagues for a fuller readout.

In terms of a Robin Swann meeting, we are going to slot in on Monday Afternoon - would we be ok to receive briefing for 11am on Monday morning?

[redacted] NR

On Thu, 1 Oct 2020 at 11:18, [redacted] NR [redacted]@nio.gov.uk wrote:

Thanks [redacted] NR we'll check!

Please find attached briefing, with thanks to [redacted] NR and Holly. Just to flag, we've recommended SoS offers a meeting Robin Swann in the next few weeks if the opportunity arises, or alternatively we can reach out to DoH if he's content for one to be set up. Very grateful if you could highlight this point to SoS and let us know any outcome.

We've included the paper on protecting the vulnerable as an Annex and the other paper is attached on this email.

Kind regards

[redacted] NR

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On Thu, 1 Oct 2020 at 11:13, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

And happy for one of you guys to dial in if you can!

NR

On Thu, 1 Oct 2020 at 11:12, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi **NR** - feel free to check in your end, however previous COVID committees were cut down to be more akin to Cabinet Committees with no officials in the room/on the call.**NR**On Thu, 1 Oct 2020 at 09:00, **NR** <[redacted]@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi PO,

I was going to check with CO whether they will allow an official to dial into this. It would be very useful from our perspective - just wanted to check if you're content for one of the healthteam to dial in, or if it needs to be someone from PO?

Kind regards

NR

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On Wed, 30 Sep 2020 at 18:45, SOS Lewis <sos.lewis@nio.gov.uk> wrote:

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the Joint Bio Security Centre Data pack to support discussions on Agenda Item 2 - Borders. A further paper will be sent tomorrow morning.

Please note that the committee papers are sensitive, and the paper is for named COVID-19 Operations attendees only.

Kind regards,

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On Wed, 30 Sep 2020 at 11:48, C-19 Secretariat Mailbox <c-19.secretariat@cabinetoffice.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the paper for **Item 1 - Protecting the Vulnerable** for tomorrow's COVID-19 Operations Committee meeting.

Please note that the committee papers are sensitive, and the paper is for named recipients only and must not be forwarded without the permission of the Secretariat.

Many thanks,

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On Wed, 30 Sep 2020 at 11:35, C-19 Secretariat Mailbox <c-19.secretariat@cabinetoffice.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

There will be a COVID-19 Operations Committee meeting at 15:30 - 17:00 on Thursday 01 October. **Please note that representatives from the Devolved Administrations will attend for items 2 & 3, (16:00-17:00) and will be contacted separately.**

Please confirm attendance by responding to this email **as soon as possible**. We'd be grateful if you acknowledge that you will be attending via zoom.

All attendees should dial into this meeting unless the Secretariat indicate otherwise. Due to social distancing restrictions, there is a very strict limit on the number of in-person attendees.

The agenda for this meeting is attached. Some attendees are invited for individual agenda items only, detailed below. **If you are not on one of these lists below, your presence will be required for the duration of the meeting.**

Agenda Item 1 - Protecting the Vulnerable 15:30 - 16:00

- The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government
- The Rt Hon Alok Sharma, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

- The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- The Rt Hon George Eustace, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- The Rt Hon Therese Coffey, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- Fiona Deans, Government Digital Service
- Lee McDonough, DHSC
- Catherine Frances, MHCLG
- Imran Shafi, No. 10

Agenda Item 2 - Protecting the Vulnerable Alignment 16:00 - 16:30

- The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government
- The Rt Hon Alok Sharma, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- The Rt Hon George Eustace, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- The Rt Hon Therese Coffey, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- The Rt Hon Alistair Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland
- The Rt Hon Simon Hart, Secretary of State for Wales
- The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Imran Shafi, No. 10
- Peter Lee, UKGG

Agenda Item 3 - Borders 16:30 - 17:00

- The Rt Hon Dominic Raab, Foreign Secretary
- The Rt Hon Priti Patel, Home Secretary
- The Rt Hon Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport
- The Rt Hon Alistair Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland
- The Rt Hon Simon Hart, Secretary of State for Wales
- The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- **NR** No. 10
- Peter Lee, UKGG
- Gareth Davies, DfT

Please find Zoom details below:

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If you have any questions on logistics of this meeting, please speak to **NR** or **I&S** or respond to this email.

Best wishes,

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