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Coronavirus/Irish Government

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Following today's COBR the Secretary of State has asked that we liaise with the Irish Government regarding coronavirus on UK/NI/Ire messaging for people living and working around the border. He's keen that we ensure a consistent message for those people.

In particular, I'd be grateful if you could advise:

- i) Who he should look to speak with at ministerial level? Guessing the Ire health minister as first port of call, but as this also strays slightly toward Foreign Affairs & Ire/NI relations do we think it would be worth engaging with the Tainaiste?
- ii) How should we link in with FCO on this? Best speaking with their Ireland team in the first instance?

Happy to have a chat tmrw morning if any of the above isn't clear,

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