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Given the pace of developments, the C3 arrangements need to be activated forthwith. The hub will stand up formally tomorrow morning, staffed initially by the Civil Contingencies Policy Branch. My strong advice is that all departmental operations centres need to do likewise.

A formal call for volunteers will issue tomorrow morning along with advice and guidance for participating staff. However, in order to establish full operating capability as quickly as possible, and having taken David Sterling's advice, I am asking for your intervention to speed things up.

Rather than waiting for responses to the call for volunteers, may I ask that senior management in each Department review the lists of C3 trained staff (which NICS HR will provide) and, other than those staff deemed essential for Departmental purposes, invite/encourage them to volunteer. For this to be effective, staff would need to be identified in the next 24 to 48 hours.

A cadre of 6 to 8 staff at SO to G7 would give us an initial operating capability for the coming days, with up to 50 required for a full 7 day, 12 hour shift pattern.

I am happy to discuss if helpful.

Chris