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**CC:** Young, Ian (Prof.) [ian.young2@health-ni.gov.uk]  
**Subject:** URGENT Draft Letter to FMdFM

Minister

I suggest a zoom call with Ian

Michael I

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**From:** Robin Swann, NI Health Minister <[minister@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:minister@health-ni.gov.uk)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, 22 Dec 2021, 11:02 am  
**To:** Gordon, David <[David.Gordon@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:David.Gordon@health-ni.gov.uk)>, [redacted] NR [redacted]@health-ni.gov.uk, McBride, Michael <[Michael.McBride@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.McBride@health-ni.gov.uk)>, DoH SpAd <[spad@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:spad@health-ni.gov.uk)>, DoH Private Office <[Private.Office@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Private.Office@health-ni.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Young, Ian (Prof.) <[Ian.Young2@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Ian.Young2@health-ni.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Draft Letter to FMdFM

Hi – the additional para. doesn't seem to tie with CMO's email/msg last night –

As of very late tonight some very preliminary and not as yet replicated emergent data from Scotland was shared with myself in respect of omicron related disease severity and hospitalisation relevant and pertinent to the Minister's draft letter to FMdFM.

In communication with Ian as of very late this evening we would advise holding on the Ministers current draft letter until we review the emergent data, analysis and potential implications in the morning and potentially suggest revisions.

Nothing substantive has changed in the letter, and I'm still blind as to the emergent data & any analysis.

regards,

**Robin Swann MLA**  
Minister of Health

C5.10, Castle Buildings,  
Stormont.

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**From:** Gordon, David  
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**Cc:** Young, Ian (Prof.) <Ian.Young2@health-ni.gov.uk>

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Here you go, NR

(Michael is driving atm)

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**From:** NR

**Sent:** 22 December 2021 10:40

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Thanks

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NR

For the Ministers urgent consideration

Michael

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Thanks - can we push on to Minister suggesting that he issues asap.

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Richard,

Apologies amended letter following consideration and discussions between Ian and I.

While it may be that more changes are required as SAGE is meeting again tomorrow, the Minister will wish to determine the relative benefits of issuing today notwithstanding further information given the real and material risks.

I've included a line indicating imminent changes that will be required to the public health response as a consequence of the impact of this wave. Omicron now dominant and will increasingly move up the age cohorts as we are seeing already.

Michael

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