COVID 19 EXECUTIVE STRATEGY AND PLAN

Monday 18 MAY



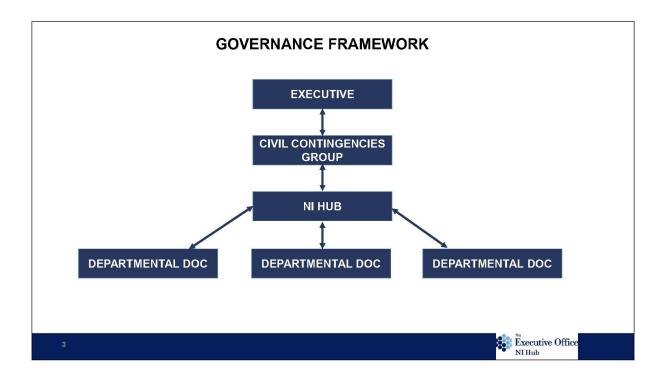
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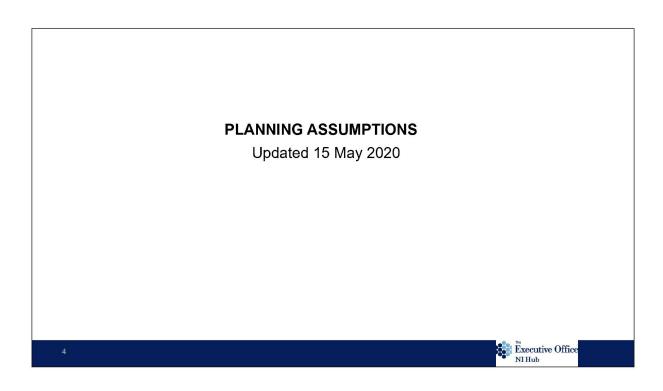
The Executive's COVID 19 response has the following strategic priorities:

- · Health and well being of our citizens
- Our economic well being and preparing to revitalise the economy (in the immediate/short term and the medium to long term)
- · Our societal and community well being



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- DOH modelling reasonable worst case scenario assumptions Social distancing measures producing a 66% reduction in contacts outside the home and workplace. In addition, 70% of symptomatic cases would adhere to case isolation.
 - NI is currently beyond the period of time during which the peak of wave one was expected to occur for hospital admissions and Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
 - There is a material risk of a second wave of cases after when social distancing and isolation measures are eased or amended.
 - There is currently sufficient ventilator capacity to meet demand, with further equipment being sourced via HSC supply chains and centralised Government arrangements.

 - The number of cumulative Covid-19 deaths in Northern Ireland over 20 weeks of the epidemic under the reasonable worst case scenario is 1,500. There is currently sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health and social care workers. Work continues to ensure additional demand is met.
 - There is currently sufficient oxygen capacity to meet demand, with work ongoing for care homes.

 There are currently sufficient supplies of medicines, including critical medicines to meet demand with supply chains under constant review.

 - The community pharmacy network is currently stable with monitoring arrangements in place to detect change
- 2. The Executive will continue to respond to and manage specific interventions needed to tackle the immediate crisis, while moving into a planned recovery phase when the situation safely permits. This will require the ongoing review of the action plan, and the development of arrangements to manage the recovery phase.
- There will be short medium and long term pressures on supply chains which could impact critical goods, food and supplies. This will require interventions on GB to NI connectivity, as well as consideration of interventions by the Executive.
- 4. Initial levels of staff absences in the public sector will decrease and the impact on delivery of public services will be kept under review.
- There will be significant job losses for business across NI. Hospitality, tourism and transport will be badly affected although sectors such as supermarkets and food processing will see a short-term increase in business. This situation will need to be addressed in the recovery phase
- 6. Many businesses will not recover in the short-medium term. The decline in manufacturing will continue. Economic output across most sectors will see a decline in the ability to deliver. Uncertainty and cash flow problems will significantly reduce future investment. This situation will need to be addressed in the recovery phase.
- Economic interventions will be required to support businesses and farmers in the beef, pork, lamb, dairy and finishing sectors, along with others in the food supply chain.
- There is a possibility of public disorder, anti-social behaviour, a lack of social responsibility and impacts for domestic violence and vulnerable children.
- Schools and nurseries will provide supervised learning for vulnerable children and children of key workers where required.



	HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CITIZENS					
Ref	Description	Action	SRO RAG	Metrics	Owner	Timescale
1.1	Identify, contact and provide support for the most vulnerable people so that they can stay safely at home	Raising awareness of the support available and how to access this. Working with HSCTs and local government partners to deliver a ranger of support and interventions		Number of calls to Community Helpline answered Reason recorded for calls to Community Helpline Number of new volunteers registered on Volunteer Now Number of Food packages distributed	Moira Doherty DfC	Short term
1.2	Sufficient supplies of PPE for non- Health care sectors	Rapid procurement of PPE on the identification of need by departments		Adequate stocks of PPE held by non Health Care Sectors	Sharon Smyth DOF (in relation to procurement of PPE only)	Short term



Short term – 0-4 weeks Medium term – 5-12 weeks Long term – 13+ weeks

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Ref	Description	Action	SRO RAG	Metrics	Owner	Timescale
1.3	To use the public information campaign to reinforce social distancing messages and encourage wider societal response to current crisis.	Effective communications and by using the powers now available. Closure of schools and nonessential business; stop hospital visits; shielding			Chris McNabb EIS/TEO	Short term
1.4	Ensure there are sufficient school places for vulnerable children and for key worker parents to continue to work	Continuing to provide school places, refining that as the situation develops. C-19 Clustering arrangements stood up to provide sustainable and collaborative solutions.		No. of schools open No. of pupils attending school No. of SEN statemented children attending school No. of key worker children attending school No. of key worker children and vulnerable children unplaced who require immediate placement No. of vulnerable children known to social services attending school No. of vulnerable children not known to social services attending school No. of vulnerable children not known to social services attending school (TBC)	Ricky Invin DEL NR NR J DE	Short term

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	HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR	CITIZENS				
Ref	Description	Action	SRO RAG	Metrics	Owner	Timescale
1.5	Ensure children, vulnerable people and the self-isolating have access to food and medicines	Enhancing the existing statutory and voluntary services with additional volunteers Provision of free food packages for the most vulnerable Framework and protocols in place to support delivery of prescription medications by voluntary and community sector.		Number of food packages distributed Number of calls to Community Helpline answered Number of new volunteers registered on Volunteer Now Number of individuals receiving assistance through CHDN voluntary and community sector framework for delivery of medication.	Moira Doherty DfC	Short term
1.6	Ensuring the safe operation of custodial environments	Having a scale of responses available		Prisoner population No. of confirmed Prisoner cases No. of staff absent Analysis of out of cell regime (full regime, partial regime, minimal regime) No of prisoners on SPARs	Ronnie Armour DoJ	Ongoing priority throughout the period of the pandemic



	HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CITIZE	ENS (CONT'D)				
Ref	Description	Action	SRO RAG	Metrics	Owner	Timescale
1.7	Ensure the continued supply and production of; (a) essential food and feed, to and from farms, (b) as well as the supply of essential drinking water, waste water and water services.	Contingencies in place to maintain Drinking Water supplies and Waste Water services.			Norman Fulton DAERA DfE Julie Thompson	Medium term
1.8	Management of the consequences and impact of COVID-19 in the health and social care sector	Deliver the DoH Covid-19 Strategy			Richard Pengelly DOH	Short term, medium and long term
1.9	Ensuring continued food supply	Work with NICS Departments and UKG to ensure a joined up approach to secure the continued supply of food to our citizens			DAERA (lead) Karen Pearson TEO DfE DfI – John McGrath	Short term



Priority workstreams Short term - 0-4 weeks Medium term - 5-12 weeks Long term - 13+ weeks							
	HEALTH AND W	ELL-BEING OF OUR CITIZENS (CONT	"D)				
Ref	Description	Action	SRO RAG	Metrics	Owner	Timescale	
1.10	a) Maintain and enhance social housing sector solutions during the Covid 19 crisis	Maintenance of 19000 existing housing solutions through the Supporting People Programme The programme is under threat from Covid-19 related staff absence The Action is not possible without funding of bid (£6.8m) for staffing costs which is a component of a larger bid (£13.8m) to deal with the effects of Covid19 such as infection prevention measures and short term financial viability of some provider organisations. Implementation of homeless surge plan agreed with the PHA/ DoH.		Maintain service levels at green (0-30% staff absences) – current status: Temporary Accommodation supply available v number occupied.	NR DIC	Short term	
	b) Maintain and enhance housing solutions in Private Rented Sector	Private Tenancies Bill		Monitor number of people presenting as homeless due to loss of tenancy in the Private Rented Sector:			
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	ECONOMIC WELLBEING AND PREPAR	RING TO REVITALISE THE	ECONOMY -	- IMMEDIATE/SHORT TERM		
Ref	Description	Action	SRO RAG	Metrics	Owner	Timescale
2.1	Monitor the impact on the economy and consider the measures / policy framework needed to revitalise the economy post COVID 19	Regular monitoring and reporting of economic impacts, and short, medium and long terms responses commensurate with health and well being outcomes.		Vacancies on Burning Glass Footfall in Belfast and NI LGV and HGV traffic at 5 key border crossings UC claims Weekly Redundancies and Furloughed Workers Bulletin • sectoral breakdown of Redundancies and Furloughed Workers • District Council Area Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) – Monthly	DfE – Paul Grocott DAERA DfC DfI – John McGrath DoF	Short term
2.2	Provide financial support and make regulatory easements (within the Devolved sphere)	Rollout the financial support packages speedily Temporary relaxation of the enforcement of EU and NI drivers' hours rules: all sectors carriage of goods by road.		No. of £10,000 grant payments made / bank details submitted. (Similar metric will apply to the £25,000 scheme when established) and other hardships schemes as developed	DoF – lan Snowden DfE – NR Dfl – John McGrath	Short term

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2.3	Maintain supplies of essential items and related supply chains - Protect the health outcomes by ensuring essential goods are available	Protect the health outcomes by ensuring essential goods are available			Karen Pearson, TEO John McGrath, Dfl Paul Grocott - DfE	Short term
2.4	Maintain essential transport arrangements and flows of goods - Work with Administrations and Governments to ensure the goods we need reach us and public transport provision is continued to assist essential workers	Work with Administrations and Governments to ensure the goods we need reach us. DTE. DoF and DfI working with UK Department for Transport (DfT) to provide support to maintain NI air connectivity (civil aviation is a reserved matter). DTT working with HMT to consider case for financial support for NI-GB ferry routes, airports and airlines, as required. In addition DfI working with DAERA, DfE, DoF, and TEO to consider impact of COVID-19 and the potential need for intervention to protect critical supply chains. This includes a focus on maintaining ferry capacity on critical routes and maintaining NI air connectivity (civil aviation is a reserved matter) as well as to consider the potential need for intervention to protect critical supply chains specifically in relation to hauliers Discussion has begun with DFT on possible need for future support for airports after the current period of support ends in June			John McGrath, Dfl Trevor Connolly DfE Bill Pauley DoF	Short term

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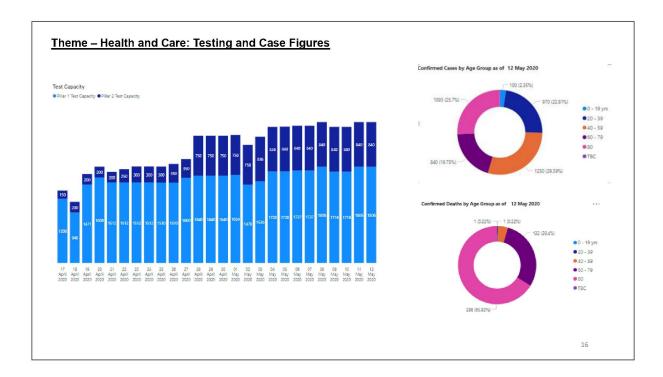
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2.5	Ensure that individuals and families are supported	Prioritising the benefits and advice systems so that people get the help they need. Direct payments for those eligible for free school meals. EA Youth Service Eat Well, Live Well Programme providing food to vulnerable young people.		No. of payments made No. of children assisted No of target young people assisted No. of meals provided	DfC Colum Boyle NR DE	Short term
2.6	To put in place planning for economic recovery : Sectoral assessments and remedial /targeted support	Regular monitoring and reporting of economic impacts, and short, medium and long terms responses commensurate with health and well being outcomes. Cross Departmental working group developing support packages		Vacancies on Burning Glass Footfall in Belfast and NI LGV and HGV traffic at 5 key border crossings UC claims EY FDI Attractiveness IBM – PLI Global Location Trends Monthly PMI	DfE – Paul Grocott DAERA DfC DfI – John McGrath DoF	Medium to Long term

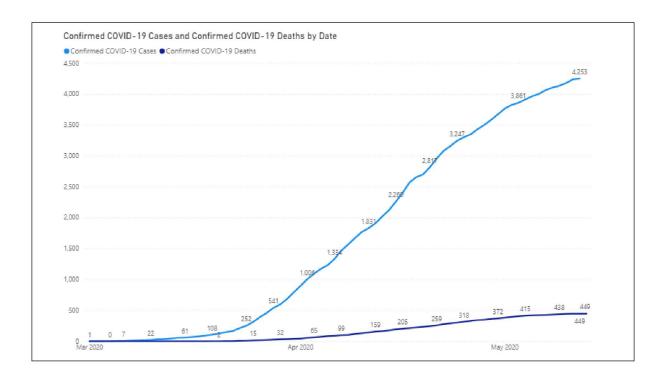
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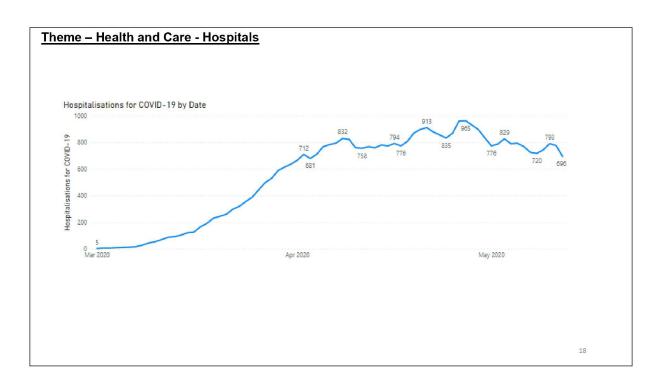
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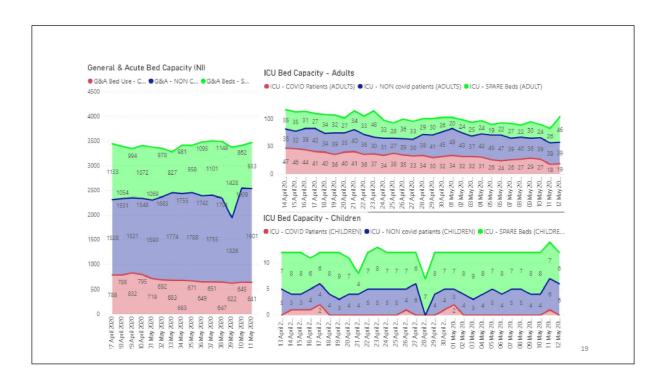
	SOCIETAL AND COMMUNI	TY WELLBEING					
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3.1	Respectful arrangements to respect the dignity of the deceased	The Temporary Resting Place is complete and will be able to support Health Trusts and Funeral Directors (at 24 hours' notice) in the event that existing mortuary capacity is not sufficient. Guidance on funeral management and on treatment of the deceased has been issued by the Department of Health.			Julie Harrison, DOJ	Short term	
3.2	Ensure good environmental, food safety and animal welfare standards	Responding to animal welfare incidents, disease outbreak management, Registration Movement of animals, TB surveillance (meat plants & AfBI) Contingencies in place for drinking water, waste water, waste and pollution response			NR Robert Huey DAERA FSA (NI) Dfl – Julie Thompson	Medium to long term	
3.3	We will protect our staff	Good internal communications and advice, social distancing and other measures Ongoing provision of up to date guidance for colleagues, line managers and agency workers on a range of people issues relating to COVID-19 Ongoing provision of health and wellbeing support tools for colleagues Ongoing provision of learning and development packages for colleagues		Ongoing review of and analysis of visits to COVID-19 Info Hub and analysis of queries received by HR Connect and NICSHR	NICS HR/HOCS	Short term	
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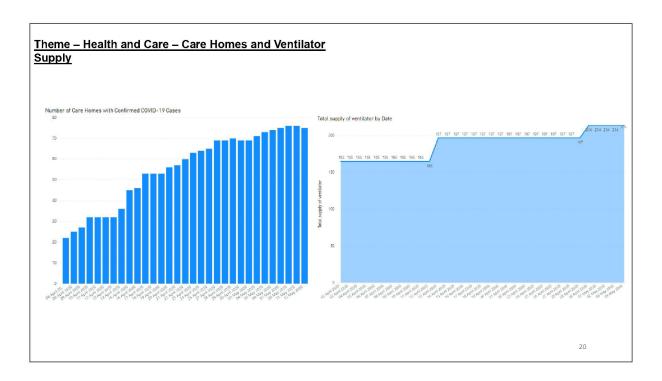
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3.4	Measures to maintain community wellbeing in isolation and beyond, targeting specific groups	Identify actions to support DoH / PHA in delivery of psychological wellbeing goals during and post pandemic			Moira Doherty, DfC	Short term	
3.5	Support to rural communities	Collaboration with funded organisations to redirect efforts to focus on Covid response			Fiona McCandless DAERA DfC	Short term	
3.6	Ensure continuity of learning for children and young people	Ensure the awarding of a fair grade in qualifications entered within 2019/20 academic year. Education development services work collaboratively to support schools to deliver effective education to their pupils. The C2K infrastructure sustains and supports the demand by schools in relation to distance learning.		Exam entries graded and awarded by end August All schools have been allocated link officers to provide advice and signposting to appropriate resources. Functions of the C2k network are available to teachers and pupils on 24/7 basis	NR DE DfE – Jim Wilkinson	Medium term	
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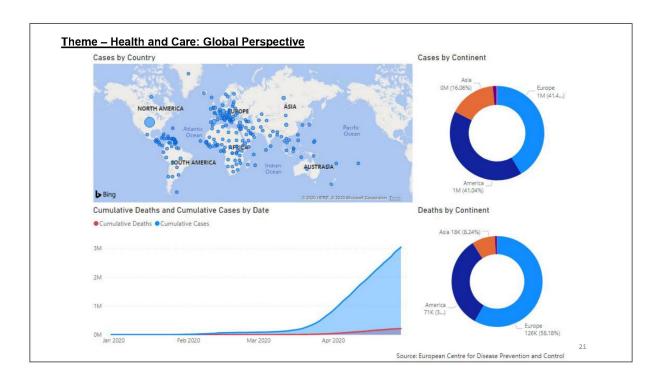


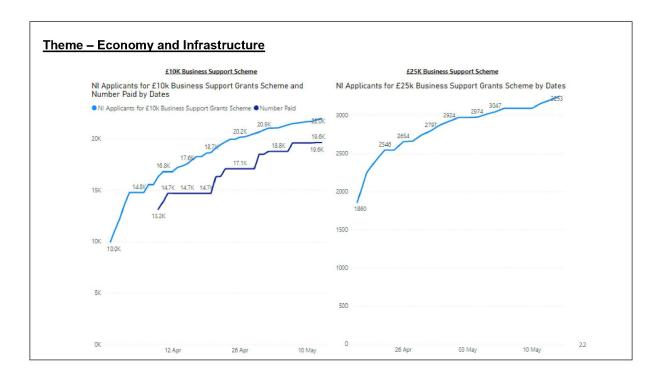


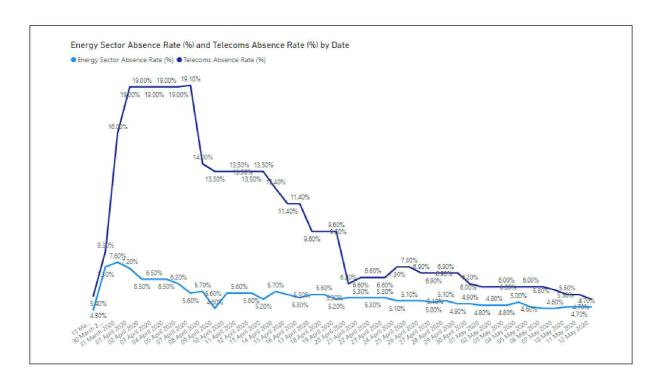


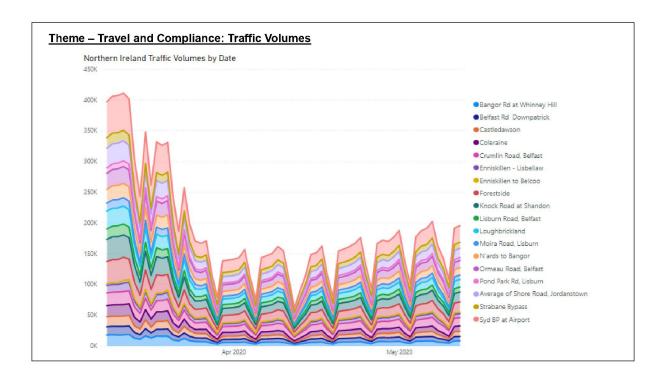


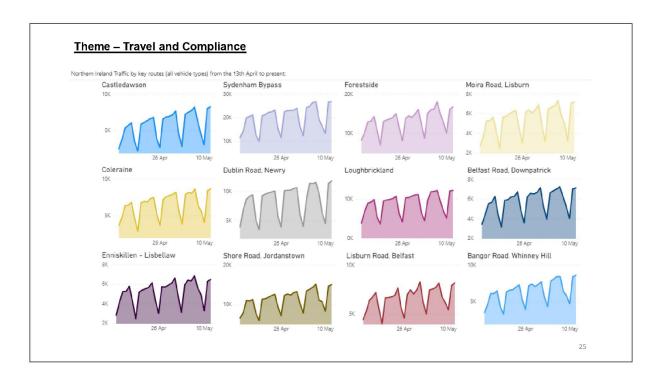


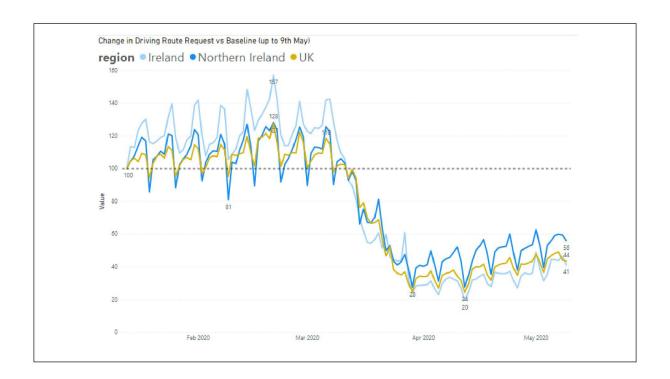


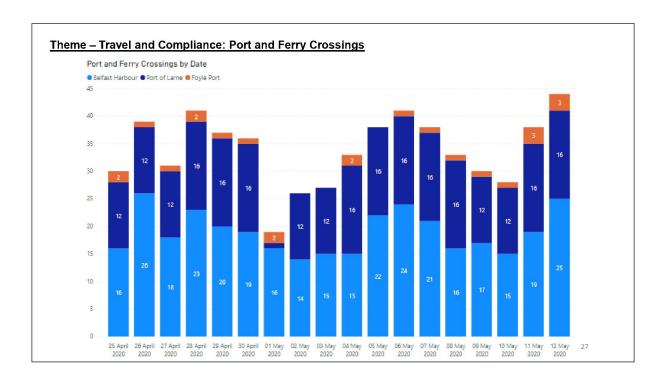


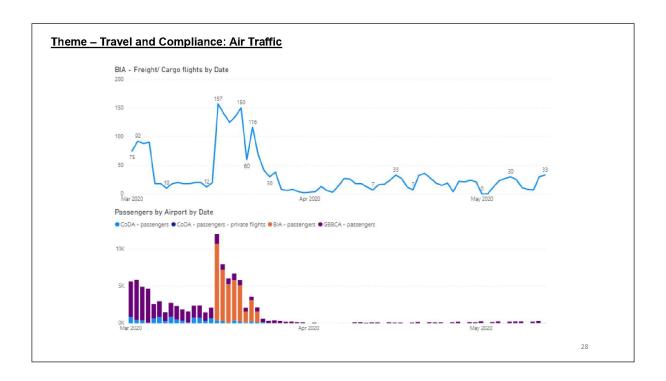


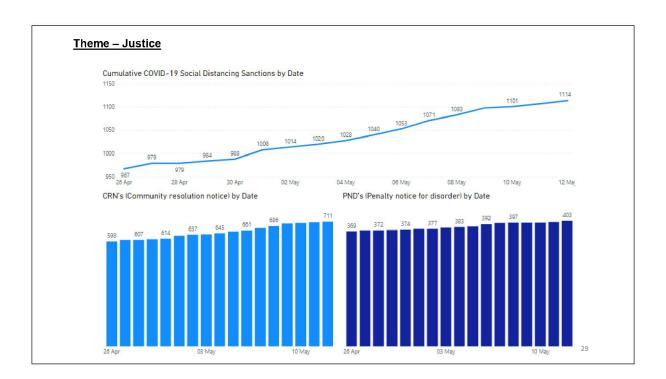


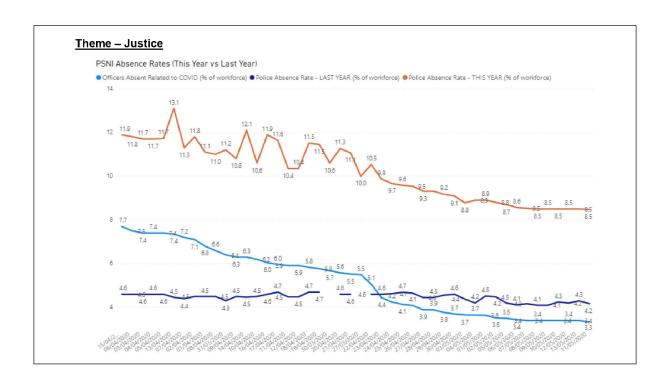


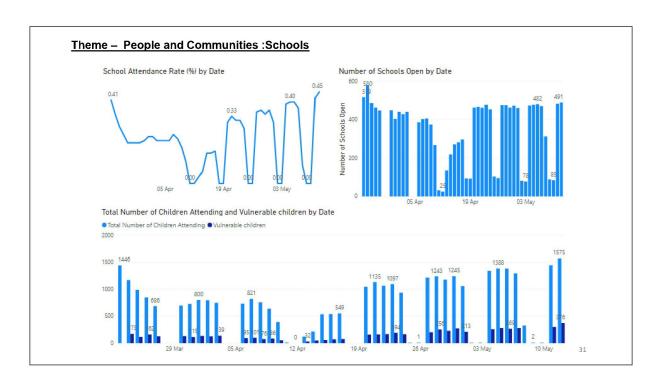


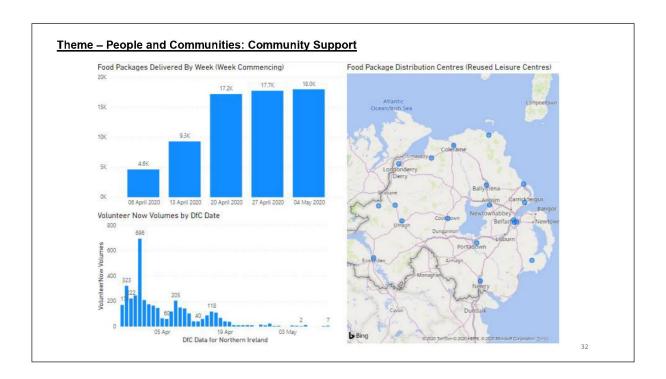












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COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE





OVERVIEW

Digital advert performance: Impressions: **15,041,148** (19.3% increase from last week's report). Clicks: **110,711** (25% increase from last week's report). Reactions, Comments, Likes, Shares: **19,896** (22.8% increase from last week's report).

nidirect has seen an increase from **748.9K** page views last week. Users are up by **3%** and page views have increased by **1.2%** compared to last week. Users are now spending an average of **3 mins 17 secs** on site, which is a further increase of **1.7%** from last week's report.

We have seen increases in page views on more functional information pages such as around funeral arrangements, information on support available and delays in rates bills, so it may be that people are now seeking out more specific content on site as they are now aware of the key campaign guidance around staying home, keeping distance and self-isolating.

In the 24hrs following the publication of the Executive's recovery plan, the nidirect page was viewed **2,453** times and the report has been downloaded by **2,108 users.**



Executive Office **COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE: 14.05.2020** nidirect statistics (18th March - Wed 6 May) New Users Users 1.0M 649.7K t 6,344.1% t 8,894.6% desktop Avg Time Page Views tablet 02:24 1.9M 4 -26.3% t 9,031.5% Coronavirus (COVID-19) | nidirect campaign page 542,253 Top 5 nidirect pages Coronavirus (COVID-19) and benefits 256,654 Coronavirus (COVID-19): motoring 234,158 Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for vulnerable people 180,316 Coronavirus (COVID 19): overview and advice 102,181 Executive Office

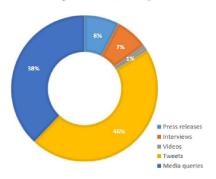


NICS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW (Thurs 7 - Tues 12 May)

From May 7 to 12, 24 Covid-19 press releases have been issued across the nine departments, providing the latest key messages on the work being undertaken in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

In addition, the Executive Office press office issued a daily press release that captures all that day's key updates from across the departments.

On social media, department accounts have issued **179 Tweets**, as well as additional posts on Facebook and Instagram.



ACTIVITY SUMMARY:	PRESS RELEASES	INTERVIEWS (inc pressers)	TWEETS (inc retweets)	VIDEOS	MEDIA QUERIES
	24	37	179	8	116





NICS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW cont.

- DAERA Food security during Covid-19
- DFC Hargey: Executive committed to support charity sector during Covid-19 crisis
- DFE Time is right to start rebuilding the tourism industry, says Dodds
- DE Education Minister welcomes decision on postprimary transfer test dates
- DOF COVID-19 related deaths: week ending 1st May: NISRA
- DOH 'Shine a light' for nurses
- DFI Mallon approves changes to public transport provision and measures to ensure continued safety of staff and passengers during the COVID-19 outbreak
- · DOJ Justice Ministers: Stay local and save lives
- TEO Executive publishes Coronavirus recovery strategy

Our politicians have now shown they can step up to the mark





Focus on infection rate as NI leaders lay out next steps

Why Executive is right to go with best practice on easing lockdown no matter where advice comes from transcent to their health description because it also an interference of the complete of

Parties unite behind plan and call for businesses to receive all help available

Northern Ireland's five-stage plan for exiting lockdown to be 'led by science'





EXECUTIVE PRESS BRIEFINGS (Thurs 7 – Tues 12 May)

From Thursday, May 7 to Tuesday, May 12, across all the BBC NI, Downtown/Cool FM, Belfast Live and NI Executive Facebook pages, the daily press briefings had a total of 354,700 'views', with an average of 118,233 watching daily.

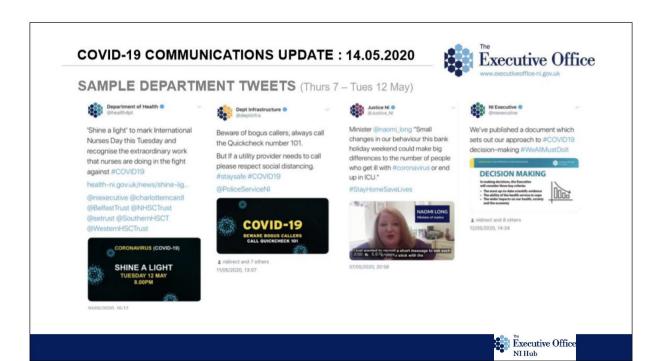
Across the three briefings held since **May 7**, there was an average of **33,334** 'views' on the BBC NI Facebook page; and an average of **72,400** 'views' on Downtown/Cool FM Facebook page.

The daily press briefing on **May 7** with First Minster Arlene Foster and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill had the most views of the week on BBC NI Facebook, with **50k** 'views'. The same briefing also had the highest viewing figures across the week on Downtown/Cool FM Facebook with **89.2k** 'views'.

	TOTAL LIVE VIEWS	FACEBOOK LIVE VIEWS	LIVESTREAM VIEWS
LIVE STREAM SUMMARY 7 th May – 12 th May	30,267	28,230	2,037
LIVE STREAM SUMMARY 23 March to date	105,176	90,437	14,739







PAID FOR MEDIA SUMMARY (Stats up to Wednesday 6 May)

Last week, the focus for paid-for media activity was 'Stay at home this bank holiday weekend'. This message appeared on social media, outdoor advertising and radio. TV is continuing with adverts on stay at home, touch, self isolation and celebrity stay at home running.

FACEBOOK – Digital advert impressions (times on screen): **2,213,184**. Clicks: **33,575**. Reactions, Comments, Likes, Shares: **6,633**. To date, there have been **8** paid-for Facebook posts that have reached over **855k** users and generated over **2.2 million** impressions on this channel alone.

INSTAGRAM – Digital advert Impressions (times on screen): 1,788,780. Clicks: 2,367. Reactions, Comments, Likes, Shares: 11,329. We have now reached over 1 million users on Instagram, delivering almost 1.8 million ad impressions. There have been 30,111 full video views on Instagram, and we are still seeing strong levels of likes of engagement overall with 11,329 engagements.









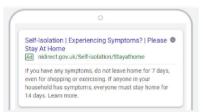
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TWITTER – Digital advert Impressions (times on screen): **1,293,161**. Clicks: **10,768**. Reactions, Comments, Likes, Shares: **1,934**. Twitter is continuing to drive the highest number of video completion rates, with **180,383** users now watching the video to completion.

SNAPCHAT - Digital advert impressions (times on screen): 2,930,476. Swipe Ups: 40,915.

PAID-FOR SEARCH – Digital advert impressions (times on screen): **35,674**. Clicks: **4,286**.

The self-isolation keyword is driving 35% of all campaign impressions (down from 40% last week). This has been decreasing as a total of all campaign volume each week. However, social distancing search volume is up from 35% last week to 41% this week of all campaign impressions. (The week before last this was only at 18% of all volume 2 weeks ago so interesting to see the search volume increase around this keyword).





PAID FOR MEDIA SUMMARY (Stats up to Wednesday 6 May)

BUSINESS SOCIAL MEDIA –**Facebook** has generated **761,660** impressions, **8,406** clicks and **693** Reactions, Comments, Likes, Shares. **19,350** completed video views at 100%. Adverts are being shown to the user on average almost 3 times to reinforce the campaign messaging.

Instagram has generated **434,983** impressions, **1,791** clicks to the website and **511** Reactions, Comments, Likes, Shares. To date the campaign has reached **228,055** of the targeted business audience on Instagram.

Twitter has delivered **214,128** impressions to date, with **2,425** clicks to the website. There have also now been **43,506** completed video views.







