Northern Ireland Office

Covid 19

Situation Report 10

New information in RED

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Key Developments

Summary: **NI case numbers remain high with 863 new cases and 7 new deaths. There are 53 confirmed outbreaks in Care Homes and 10 more with suspected outbreaks. The Executive has yet to meet and we will update on decisions tomorrow morning.**

NI

- QUAD - attendees discussed the current situation, NI ICU capacity, border area cases, testing and tracing, and international travel; welcomed further cooperation in the future; and issued a Joint Statement urging citizens to follow public health advice.
- Health officials have warned that NI's R number (currently 1.5) will not be reduced to under one unless either schools or the hospitality sector are closed. Officials have advised that single interventions across NI will not be sufficient to prevent a further exponential rise, and suggest measures should last 4-6 weeks.
- NI's unemployment rate has seen its largest quarterly increase since October 2012, rising to 3.7% with almost 2,000 confirmed redundancies in the past three months.
- The Mater Hospital is now moving patients across to Belfast City Hospital - one of the Nightingale Hospitals from the first wave of Covid-19, as routine treatments, including cancer treatment, are postponed.

UK

- Scotland is set to introduce a three-tiered local lockdown system, to 'align as closely as possible with other nations'.
- Mark Drakeford wrote to FM/dFM to ask them to limit travel between NI and Wales, in line with his request to the PM

IE

- Ireland's Budget 2021 represented a total package of over €17.75 billion, more than €17 billion of which relates to expenditure, and €270 million in taxation measures. The budget sees little or no fiscal consolidation measures. By way of comparison, 2020's budget saw a total net Budget package of just over €2.9 billion.
- The budget includes €8.5 billion for public services to address the challenges of Covid-19 (health, education, income supports, transport), including €2.1 billion in contingency funding.
- There is growing concern about the rise in case numbers near the NI border.

Data Update

	Northern Ireland	Total UK	Ireland
Tests - Not including antibody test or ONS surveillance.	606,314 (+6,514)	25,697,164 (+219,074)	1,356,503 1,341,474 (+15,029)
Cases	21,898 (+863)	634,920 (+17,234)	43,351 (+825)
Deaths	598 (+7)	43,018 (+143)	1,827 (+1)
Hospital inpatients (current)	150 (+10)	3,905 (+240) [England only - UK-wide data are not available]	240 (+19)
Cases per 100,000, 7 & 14 day cumulative figures	**334.1** (7 day cumulative figure - up from 327.4) **562.1** (14-day cumulative figure - up from 523.3)	**153.2** (7 day cumulative figure - up from 151.2) **268.1** (14-day cumulative figure - up from 253.2)	**97.9** (7 day cumulative figure - up from 91.7) **162.6** (14-day cumulative figure - up from 153.7)

More detail on today's numbers

Rates Across NI
- The average rate of positive crosses per 100,000 over the past 7 days across Northern Ireland is now **334.1**. The '7-day rate' for the Derry area is now 969.7 - nearly 1 in 100 people in the area have tested positive in the last week; and is high across NI, particularly in Belfast (462), Mid Ulster (401) and the Newry area (314).
- It is worth noting that the rate in Derry is down slightly from yesterday (971) and the rate Newry is down from yesterday (324) and from last week (320.2 on Tuesday 6th).

Increase on Previous Weeks
- A running total of 21,898 individuals have now tested positive in NI, an increase of 94% in two weeks (up from 11,269 Tuesday 6th).

Rate of Positive Tests
- Today's rate of positive cases per individuals tested is 19.3%. This rate has increased from as low as 10% a week ago.

Age Profile of Positive Tests
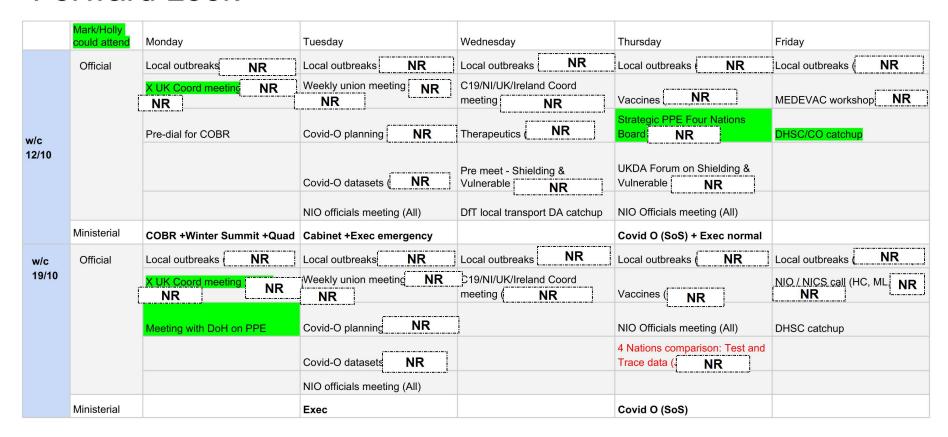- The proportion of cases by age group has not significantly changed - in the last 7 days 87% of positive cases are among those aged under 60.

Hospitalisations
- There are currently 150 COVID inpatients in NI hospitals, up from 85 last Tuesday - an increase of 76%. In England, there are 3,905 COVID inpatients, up 40% on last week. In Ireland, there are 240 inpatients, up 60%.

Forward Look

	Mark/Holly could attend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 12/10	Official	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**
		X UK Coord meeting **NR**	Weekly union meeting **NR**	C19/NI/UK/Ireland Coord meeting **NR**	Vaccines **NR**	MEDEVAC workshop **NR**
		Pre-dial for COBR	Covid-O planning **NR**	Therapeutics **NR**	Strategic PPE Four Nations Board **NR**	DHSC/CO catchup
			Covid-O datasets **NR**	Pre meet - Shielding & Vulnerable **NR**	UKDA Forum on Shielding & Vulnerable **NR**	
			NIO officials meeting (All)	DfT local transport DA catchup	NIO Officials meeting (All)	
	Ministerial	**COBR +Winter Summit +Quad**	**Cabinet +Exec emergency**		**Covid O (SoS) + Exec normal**	
w/c 19/10	Official	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**	Local outbreaks **NR**
		X UK Coord meeting **NR**	Weekly union meeting **NR**	C19/NI/UK/Ireland Coord meeting **NR**	Vaccines **NR**	NIO / NICS call (HC, ML) **NR**
		Meeting with DoH on PPE	Covid-O planning **NR**		NIO Officials meeting (All)	DHSC catchup
			Covid-O datasets **NR**		4 Nations comparison: Test and Trace data **NR**	
			NIO officials meeting (All)			
	Ministerial		**Exec**		**Covid O (SoS)**	

Latest Lines / stats

- See here for the DoH dashboard with the latest numbers (updated at 2 every day, including weekend)
- See here for the Healthcare Team's latest lines on Covid
- See here for NIE press conference readouts