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Subject: READOUT: CDL call with DAs and TO SoS on Covid (19.09.20)

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All,

Please see below for a rough note and CO actions from a call SoS was on with CDL and DM FMs yesterday. Apologies that there were some dial in issues so I missed the very start, but will update with CO read out once I have it.

Copying Economy team colleagues given references to aerospace sector - understand that the FMs have also written to the PM on the issue.

NOTE

- CDL set out UKG plans for a tiered system of future lockdown measures in England [missed some of this; will update with CO read out if needed]
- FMs, led by Nicola Sturgeon (NS), called for an urgent COBR meeting to discuss [this is likely to go in for early this coming week - potentially Monday] and coordinate. [SEE ACTIONS]
- Mark Drakeford (MD) supported this but said that he wanted more regular, reliable meetings - not scheduled at the last minute and with advance agendas. For Wales, even England only decisions could have ramifications.
- CDL agreed that more Covid Operations meetings with the DAs would be useful and committed to work to regularise these. [SEE ACTIONS]
- CDL also set out plans for support for those self isolating but in receipt of benefits, noting that there would be Barnett consequentials. This would extend to in work benefits.
- Arlene Foster (AF) noted the need to also think about the working poor, saying that they would look at this at a DA level.
- NS asked how Barnett consequentials would work for interventions like this, which would be demand driven. She asked for clarity on this as soon as possible.
- NS also asked for more insight on plans for business support, esp as the furlough scheme came to an end.
- All FMs raised the issue of the aerospace sector and support for connectivity - they noted that they had written to the PM on the issue [see attached article from media monitoring today] and CDL said he would ensure he was linked up with No10 and advocated for this.

ACTIONS CIRCULATED BY CO

UKG to share tiering principles and specific toolkit in due course.

CDL PO to work with No10 to set up COBR as early as possible early next week. NB: SG AND WG PUSHED HARD FOR SUNDAY, AND MONDAY AT THE VERY LATEST, AND COULD NOT CONFIRM THEY WOULD NOT TAKE DECISIONS BEFORE A MEETING WAS CONVENED.

CDL PO to work with COVID Taskforce to establish DA-appropriate COVID-O meetings and give as much advance notice as possible of these.

COVID TF to work with HMT to confirm Barnett consequentials ASAP to DAs, and clarify how they will account for the demand-led payment.

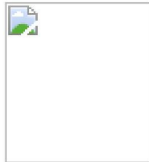
CDL PO to work with HMT to provide direction of travel to the DAs on economic support to businesses.

CDL PO to make sure No10 responds to DAs' concerns about aerospace industry ASAP.

No10 to share aerospace letter with CDL PO.

SG and WG both mentioned possibly imminent decisions on new measures. WG said one of theirs might be 'stay local' messaging. **COVID TF** and **UKGG** and **TOs** to ask **DA officials** to share information on their thinking.

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