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MEETING NOTE

KN REF:		INV 2020				
TITLE/ORGANISATION:		QUADRILATERAL MEETING				
DATE AND TIME:		30/4/20 – 4.30pm				
VENUE:	□РВ	☐ Clare	House	☐ OTHER:		
LIST OF ATTENDEES:		Conor Murphy, Sue Gray, Joanne McBurney, Steve Barclay, Rebecca Evans, Kate Forbes plus (Wales and Scotland officials – no names provided)				
Minister	☐ SpAd	☐ PS				
OFFICIALS:						
OTHERS:						
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:						
REPRIORITISATION EXERCISE						
Hoping to develop this in next few weeks – month to provide returns. Keen to work together on this						
NI - Talking to Departments – in setting budget we built in reprofiling opportunity – undertaking exercise at present to try and identify money we won't spend to gather it back in to meet challenges to ensure we can look to own resources in first instance.						
Wales – focused on revenue in first instance – not being put in same position as last financial year – we won't be able to accommodate cuts later in year – currently reprioritised 250 million						
Scotland – policy decisions on consequentials – particularly around capital. Keen to get clarity on your prioritisation, particularly on length of time you are asking Departments to plan for Covid 19. Good to get assurances as to how consequential will be managed particularly around potential of negative consequentials later in year						
CST - We can work together in anticipating numbers. There are a number of changes that Departments will be looking at as to how they can do things a different way						
PPE						
Allocated chunky sums – 4billion. Need to ensure not competing with each other. London allocated money for UK wide approach.						

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Scotland 150million of PPE – matter of concern not to give consequential for PPE. We welcome the development of the GB 4 nations plan. Significant question around ensuring consequentials do cover PPE. Ongoing challenge

Wales – keen to work together – support for each other re gaps. Very little in product from England re fair share. There should be Barnett consequentials

NI – similar to Scotland and Wales – likelihood of supply meant we would try and secure our own. Currently procuring. Only got 3million for PPE. Priority to protect frontline workers. Beyond health family in NI – providing for all sectors in NI. Done in collaboration with England. Helpful if consequentials would come.

CST – part of this is clarity of data - If issue of data up to now re PPE can be discussed amongst officials.

NI – we can give breakdown of data. Just to be clear with NHS England we have paid for it ourselves.

Scotland - Needs to be conversation on PPE re consequentials to cover it.

INFORMATION SHARING ON UNCERTAINTY

All devolved administrations happy that information is being shared. No issues.

AOB

If economic recovery package available we would be keen to be across those to ensure 2 way exchange to give sense of what may be shaping up by Treasury.

Sub teachers don't operate out of agencies as in rest of UK – trying to find a way of furloughing them. One anomaly that applies in NI

Rating of housing associations – APEX in NI don't meet criteria on V1 rating in GB and DfC apply rating of V1 – denied access to Covid – size is relative. We will try and correspond to you on that – seems to be England focused and not accounting for regional.

Scotland – Economic recovery -good to understand any of your principles re economic support. Higher Education.

Wales – approach to flexibility –will send more detailed proposal – from crisis to recovery.

CST – Economic recovery plans – want to work with you. Officials can follow up for you on APEX. Will take up issue on Substitute teachers with you following this call with officials

On furlough would expect it to be UK wide basis,

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ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:						
Follow up on 4 billion for PPE – Sue Gray						
Will take up issue on Substitute teachers with you following this call with officials – Sue Gray						
APEX Housing – for follow up - CST officials will try and correspond to you on that – Sue Gray						
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