

**EXECUTIVE COVID TASKFORCE
STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES
30 NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Jayne Brady (HOCS)
Michael McBride (CMO DoH) – in place of Richard Pengelly
Mike Brennan (DfE)
Peter May (DoJ)
Chris McNabb (TEO)
Name Redacted (DfC) – in place of Tracy Meharg
Karen Pearson (TEO)
Jane Holmes (TEO)
NR (TEO)
Name Redacted (TEO)

Apologies: Richard Pengelly, Tracy Meharg

1. Minutes of meeting on 10 November 2021

Minutes of meeting held on 10 November were agreed by all members.

2. Protect

Michael McBride advised that the R Paper will be circulated in advance of the Executive Meeting on 2 December.

Michael provided an update on the Omicron variant and advised there are currently no cases confirmed in Northern Ireland. He also provided an update on testing and self-isolation.

Jayne Brady asked that Chris McNabb provide a draft communication paper on behalf of the Executive around the Omicron Variant.

3. Adherence

Peter May provided an update on adherence around the use of covid vaccination passports and face coverings. Peter advised that work was ongoing around taking forward scores on doors and messaging around the use and accessibility of lateral flow tests.

Karen Pearson advised that engagement with sectors is scheduled to begin 1 December in order to discuss adherence.

4. Communications

Chris McNabb advised that FM/dFM had approved a bid for expenditure relating to a Covid-19 Advertising and Public Information Campaign. The campaign will focus primarily on promotion of the use of face coverings and testing.

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[Action : Chris McNabb]

5. AOB

Jayne Brady expressed her thanks to those involved in work around Covid Certificate in Domestic Settings.

Karen Pearson confirmed that an ECT update paper would be with Private Office by cop 30 November ahead of the Executive meeting on 2 December.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 7 December.