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Subject: RE: Final Executive paper - Modelling the course of the COVID epidemic and the impact of different interventions and recommendations.

Minister,

Apologies for delay – just got speaking with Alan a few minutes ago.

PSNI is on the same page – everything is doable if this direction is set by the Executive, but it's a hugely controversial and challenging area on which the AGNI had firm views during wave 1 and the human rights aspect of restricting movement would come into play quickly. It's not a space the PSNI would recommend we go into, but clearly they will facilitate whatever direction is set. There is also a capacity issue for the PSNI should this come to fruition which they will of course seek to mitigate but it is a practical challenge for the organisation.

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Thanks Mark. A quick view from Alan Todd would definitely help.

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Minister,

Having read the paper, I suspect you are indeed a psychic.....

Robin states (para 11) that he sees some merit in legally enforceable localised travel restrictions being introduced to underpin the stay at home messaging. He invites the views of Executive Colleagues on this option or alternative methods of achieving a step change in levels of adherence.

As you are aware, PSNI colleagues continue to have an important – ‘though not exclusive – role in relation to adherence/compliance/enforcement. But enforcement via legislative penalties ought to remain a tool of last resort and deployed proportionately, when the circumstances demand it. In addition, the increased fines became operational only late last week and it is therefore too early to assess their deterrent value and the relative impact on adherence. You may wish to suggest that it could be premature to talk about additional legally enforceable travel restrictions until we understand the scale and nature of the problem to be fixed, alongside assessing the impact that the deployment of increased fines may have. The work that TEO is commissioning in relation to behavioural science will be key here – as we know the act of travelling is not the problem – it’s how people choose to behave when they arrive. Further restricting people’s freedom unnecessarily – particularly over the Christmas period - will present obvious challenges. Robin’s proposal does not get into specifics, but it risks a situation where we might be stopping people travelling to a park or beach for a walk even where there was no mingling going on. That does not feel proportionate in the current climate where we need people to have things to hold on to.

I’m happy to obtain an operational PSNI view from ACC Todd on this proposal if you think this would be helpful in advance of Executive today. However, we already know that the Chief Constable does not favour mandatory travel restrictions and is concerned that the PSNI role in enforcement will inevitably cause major problems as it did in the initial lockdown. Adherence is important, but I suggest we need to continue to drive home the message that references to adherence should not automatically default to the PSNI as the solution. I anticipate some operational challenges with enforcing, in a practical way, such a proposal. During the wave 1 ‘lockdown’, PSNI patrols and vehicle checkpoints provided a visible reminder and deterrent to those undertaking unnecessary travel but it may prove challenging to prove or disprove the purpose of a journey.

I hope this is helpful and I am happy to discuss at any stage.

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I'm not psychic, but I see trouble ahead...

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Minister,

Attached is a paper from DoH on Modelling the course of the COVID epidemic and the impact of different interventions and recommendations.

Thanks.

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