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Subject: Official Sensitive - PM call - COVID 19 update

Note of call with PM just ended.

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dFM

FM Wales

FM Scot

PM - Following data – in right shape, fully appreciate different ways in which different DAs responding, will make sure communicate that tonight in message, so don't come back too aggressively.

Do think 5 tests have been met, social care under control, numbers well down. Huge number of problems have been solved, not all. NHS test and trace can do 10,000 cases a day. Want to move ahead to step 2 of roadmap, without pushing up the R, think can go forward with following measures:

June 1^{st} – early years, year 1 and year 6 back to Primary schools, don't think will happen at once, socially unjust to keep schools out. Evidence kids from well off families do better from home schooling. Don't think classes full on day one, expect steady progress..

Year 10 and 12 return for limited time from 15 June to see teachers and for purposes of doing GCES and A level next year.

Non-essential retail - car showrooms and outdoor markets news already out

Larger gatherings of loved ones – need to remain v cautious

Sporting for broadcast 15 June behind closed doors

Training for elite sports people and pools for elite, and divers

Remain very vigilant, joint biosec centre, will be very cautious

Won't be allowing households to bubble up, not immediately

Everything under review.

Use stream of data to deal with problems as they arise.

Coordination issues we need to sort out, quarantine issues, across DAs. Need to bottom that out. CDL will be talking to everyone to get answers.

Scotland - just going into Phase one, golf, angling, recycling etc. people from one household can meet with another, up to 8 people, doesn't have to be same household each time.

Not going to be aggressive, you stressing when announcing, has to be clear for England only. Please be more explicit Biosec – keen for it but need clarity on governance issues needed.

Test and trace, cross border issues already tested for these systems.

Differences health services, needs to be articulated too.

Wales – data broadly moving in the right direction. R number no better in Wales, might be worse. Headroom and new freedoms very limited. Will be focused on freedoms to see one another, family etc. Prepare for reopening of some sectors in 3 weeks' time, if data says can. People staying local (5miles) still remaining the message.

FM – R number is good place, not much room for manoeuvre though 8 June will be allowing outdoor marriages and CPs with limit to 10 Outdoor sports and businesses of outside nature, and non-food with direct access on to the street New message - Stay safe, save lives, work safe, save lives.

dFM – clarify just England, confusing enough, keep driving that message home. Min Swann has raised with us, Biosec- no real sense of what it is and how they fit in, need more work in terms of it.

PM – Biosec, will look at data across UK and use all tools of observation and surveillance that may be necessary. Use of data will be to some extent local and will work with you, will be flexibility in how we do that. Threat moving down from 4-3, but some localised issues.

Test and trace can work across UK, can make it work across borders.

Totally get that people in DAs should follow rules that apply to them and will make that absolutely clear tonight.

FM Scot – clarified doesn't have problem with care homes Asked for clarification on moving from 4 to 3

PM – confirmed not there yet.

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