

Note for the Record

FM and dFM call with the Prime Minister

Thursday 7 May at 15.30hrs

In attendance

1. ? today by law must review the Regulations – Cabinet decided to renew. Cautious approach – no dramatic moves. Media got it wrong – public health and lives first. Look at ability of UK to withstand economic inactivity – looking at phase 1 and now forensic on phase 2. Told would have a shortage of 30k ventilators – NHS overwhelmed – look at deaths – none of that happened.
2. He continued that we will be led by the science – set out on Sunday a roadmap – hope will be supported by DAs. A common sense approach – give more details about it on COBR on Sunday.
3. No scientific relaxations – move slowly in consultation with DAs and opportunity to see DAs visions – get the message.
4. Important to make room for national / regional / local approach – wants a joined up 4 nations approach. Even in London **15% -3-9%** in whole country – susceptible to second wave – want to avoid it at all costs – wanted to keep people up to speed.
5. Mark – Wales – string of enquiries from people as to how will things open up – message is that people expect significant change. Wales is making some minor amendments but no headroom to make changes – people need hope. But on horizon not in CAP – try to make that plan – North Wales in particular - view of relaxation camper vans.
6. PM not for long term – media driven by advertising managers – modest proposals. Hope for the future.
7. Nicola – media don't make up detail. All must remember important of messages. Regulations remain in all jurisdictions – not your call. All have separate responsibilities. R number ? in Scotland. Revised Regulations may have minor changes – may allow more than one period of exercise. Would like a 4 nation approach – won't go further without ? Want to know before COBR on Sunday – most important point – concern as of Monday drop the stay at home message.

8. PM understands – Stay at home is a key element of message on same sort of lives. Need big discussions needs to see the evidence. Don't forget – need to remember – shows stays at home ? Go to work – official advice UK public interpreted as first stay at home in European countries other manufacturing and construction continued. Always allowed to do this in UK – wants to see this extended – difficult message to land. Some manufacturing / construction did continue. Nicola will be looking at this next week. Not change Sun / Mon need R number to stabilise.
9. PM fundamental of ?
10. Nicola – not my CMOs view. Wants to keep moving together. Important to stay in touch – clarity – single message for people. Will need people to stay at home if they can and only to go out if they have to for work.
11. FM – looking at our roadmap for recovery. Dedicated to health scientific – roll over Regs for the next 3 weeks, have to give hope for the future – if want to comply now – clarity of message – 4 nation approach – minimum confusion – look forward to hearing views on Sunday.
12. PM – trying to co-ordinate with Dublin on issues of border app.
13. dFM – live on an Island need a joined up approach. No headroom for change – give people hope and roadmap. Set out a framework for people moving about. Clarity needed and avoid confusing messages.
14. PM – wrap up he has been out of it for a few weeks. Much common ground. Second spoke would be disastrous – economy important. Also will set out roadmap – maximum caution – right amount of ? CDL follows up on other points – colleagues may have – take away points made.
15. Speak on Sunday.