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Subject: RE: IAD COVID-19 Bulletin at 10am on 23 August 2020

Flag: Follow up

A quick list of work underway this week:

- Considering the restrictions proposed by the hospitality sector, earlier closing times and withdrawing entertainment licenses. Task and finish group meets today to discuss (I'll circulate the action plan next)
- PSNI are asking for additional powers. I'll circulate that next
- Changes to regulations today, as agreed at the Exec last week. Smaller numbers in domestic settings, lowering the threshold for risk assessments for gatherings, sliding scale of upper limits on outdoor gatherings
- Work also needed on the offence of organising a gathering. Need to make organisers more culpable than attendees, and need a bigger fine
- Some guidance relevant to hospitality will be underpinned in the regs so it has more bite. A video of a wedding is doing the rounds. I'll forward.

Karen

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Peter

To note the email exchange below re the sharp upturn in Covid cases over the weekend. Could the four of us have a quick chat this morning about enforcement and comms.

I'll ask the office here to arrange a Zoom call.

David

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Good to know Michael. We will need to draw in DoJ. We already plan to underpin hospitality guidance to make it more enforceable. And we need to look at existing offences and penalties. We can prioritise this week.

Karen

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Karen,

PHA colleagues in Health Protection and the Contract Tracing Service need to assess tomorrow morning. A significant number of the cases in MEA probably associated with the plant, some further work is required to fully determine the chains of infection.

The contact tracing service and Health Protection team has been very busy over the weekend and will need some time tomorrow to work through the data and get the overall position. PHA and my DOH colleagues and myself will consider the data, intelligence, implications and consider and advise on appropriate action.

What is also clear is that there is widespread flouting of guidance by many bars and pubs: alcohol only been served, food receipts issues when no food served; food placed in centre of tables on display; queuing at bars; singing etc. I was in contact with Alan Todd over the weekend such were my concerns. We need to take firm enforcement action through fines and closures. Such behaviour by some in the sector is high risk and damaging to the reputation and standing of others. If the sector doesn't get its house in order immediately I will be advising that it is closed down

A priority and focus for TEO and Executive I would suggest would be strengthening of enforcement and messaging of existing guidance and regulations as discussed last week. My sense is that too many are simply paying lip service or ignoring.

Kind Regards

Michael

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Could we get a chat early next week please. I think Exec may need to meet on thurs. need to understand the stats. Have we done enough to arrest the upturn. We are planning some changes to regs. Do we need to go further?

In addition to Cranswick, is anything else of concern?are we seeing other hotspots?

I'll ask hocs office to get us a meeting Monday to think about:

- state of play on numbers. Why 20 Friday, 71 sat, and 119 Sunday.
- prospect for exec on thurs
- additional steps

Karen

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See attached COVID-19 Bulletin detailing the position at 10am Sunday 23rd August 2020.

Regards

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