

## TEO FIRST MINISTER'S OFFICE MEETING NOTE

<b>TITLE/ORGANISATION:</b>		<b>PSNI</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>23 March 2020 6:30pm</b>	<b>NOTE WRITTEN BY:</b>		Deirdre Griffith
<b>VENUE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormont Castle	By telephone call	<b>Officials present</b> PS dFM Carol Morrow	<b>FM Adviser present:</b> ELP
<b>LIST OF ATTENDEES:</b> Included FM and dFM; Simon Byrne, Chief Constable, PSNI Mark Hamilton, Deputy Chief Constable, PSNI				
<b>KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:</b>		<p>Ministers advised Chief Constable about expected content of Prime Ministers statement to be made later that day (on the evening of 23 March) to increase restrictions related to COVID. Non- essential retail to close and individuals to stay at home if possible.</p> <p>Discussed police presence on the ground to address concerns about panic buying. PSNI indicated a matter for supermarkets to consider as well.</p> <p>Legislation to address will follow government advice. PSNI initial focus on engagement rather than use of Fixed Penalties.</p>		
<b>ACTION POINTS:</b>		<p>First Minister indicated she was content to accept an offer of assistance from a PSNI officer to work with the HUB. No actions required as FM and dFM HAD considered the OFFER (which had been made on Friday 20 March) and confirmed position to HOCS on 23 March via email from PPS FM immediately prior to this call – email attached.</p>		

	<p>David,</p> <p>I mentioned on Friday that, in a teleconference between FM, dFM, Chief and deputy Chief Constables, Simon Byrne offered PSNI support to CCG(NI) arrangements in the form of ACC Tim Mairs.</p> <p>Ministers considered this offer of assistance over the weekend and are agreed that we should engage with PSNI to avail of this offer of support.</p> <p>Simon did say he would write in, but nothing received yet. Can you arrange for someone to liaise with CC's office to progress?</p> <p>Happy to discuss.</p> <p>Mark</p> <p><b>Mark Goodfellow   Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister</b> <b>Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA  The Executive Office</b></p>
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