

MEETING NOTE (27 March 2020)

INV Number:

<b>TITLE/ORGANISATION:</b>		COPNI – Support for older people during COVID	
<b>VENUE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. PB	Via teleconference	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER:</b>
<b>LIST OF ATTENDEES:</b>		FM, DFM, Eddie Lynch (COPNI), Evelyn Hoy and Eimear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Minister</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Spad</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>PS</b>	
<b>OFFICIALS:</b>	Mark Goodfellow – PPS FM Carol Morrow – PS DFM		
<b>OTHERS:</b>	Philip Weir Stephen McGlade		
<b>KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:</b>			
<p>Eddie Lynch COPNI suggested 3 key discussion areas – helpline and care calls, PPE/testing and mental health and well being support for older people.</p> <p>In relation to a helpline, COPNI expressed frustration as he wants to have in place similar arrangements as Scotland, Wales and RoI all of whom have a dedicated helpline. Eddie would welcome Ministerial promotion of existing helpline.</p> <p>FM and DFM agreed to promote it as appropriate and asked about the Good Morning scheme. FM suggested COPNI speak with PCSPs to focus community effort on this as well as food delivery. Also sports organisations and those in community with logistics infrastructure would be of value in being involved.</p>			

## OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

COPNI stressed need for guidance on care homes, suggesting a lockdown on visits but he will take forward with DoH.

On PPE and testing, COPNI raised concern at lack of protection, particularly in care homes and domiciliary care. DFM assured COPNI that appropriate equipment was on order via DoH and DoF and cited examples of companies repurposing to support this effort.

FM referred to helpful video from Charlotte McArdle, Chief Nursing Officer to build confidence in the public. Also referred to need for appropriate equipment as not every worker required medical grade protective equipment.

Meeting concluded with agreement to keep in contact.

### ISSUES AGREED:

N/A

### ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:

N/A

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