

TEO FIRST MINISTER'S OFFICE MEETING NOTE

TITLE/ORGANISATION:		Minister of Health/CMO/TEO		
DATE:	8 Dec 2020	NOTE WRITTEN BY	Deirdre Griffith	
VENUE:	Zoom	FM Adviser present: Philip Weir	dFM Adviser present: Dara O'Hagan	
<p>LIST OF ATTENDEES included:</p> <p> Junior Minister Lyons Junior Minister Kearney Michael McBride CMO Minister of Health, Robin Swann Richard Pengelly, Perm Sec DoH Ian Young, CSA FM PPS – Deirdre Griffith PS FM – Name Redacted dFM PPS – Donal Moran PS MOH – Name Redacted Philip Weir, SPAD FM Dara O'Hagan SPAD dFM JM Lyons Ps – Name Redacted JM Kearney PS - Name Redacted Special Adviser Health - Mark Ovens Karen Pearson, TEO </p>				
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:		<p>Ministers Swann indicated that Care home guidance to be considered by Executive on Thursday (10 Dec 2020). Message on vaccines is key – optimistic but cautious.</p> <p>Compliance group meeting tomorrow with JMs. Minister Swann indicated local government was concerned about Xmas markets. JM Kearney also worried about town centres, teachers and Xmas gatherings. Minister Swann noted that if anyone tests positive after 11 Dec they will be self-isolating on Christmas Day.</p> <p>CMO – most concerned now. Relaxations, Xmas period and optimism around vaccine – Dec and Jan will be most difficult. Hospital pressures. Things are fragile and that should inform the message.</p>		

	<p>CSA – 1 week relaxation led to 25% increase in cases. R approx 1.2. Admissions are rising – hope cases will fall toward end of this week and start of next. Large no in hospitals. R expected to move to 1.4 to 1.8 for almost 2 weeks. Will see close to Xmas the impact- if no interventions would be start of 3rd wave superimposed on 2nd wave not yet resolved. Very High risk – move restrictions after Xmas.</p> <p>JM Lyons felt Xmas bubbling message was needed and need to reconsider the message. Did opening hours extensions in retail help spread out crowds?</p> <p>CSA indicated that it was a balance and position not clear.</p> <p>CMO TTP – link to shopping centre – need to reduce density in shops.</p> <p>CSO One way is to limit numbers and introduce one way systems.</p> <p>Min Swann/CMO – message on bubbles and safer shopping being prepared.</p>
ACTION POINTS:	JMs to consider follow up with retail on 10 Dec