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Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - COBR(F) initial feedback - meeting readout to follow

Bernie

Noted, thanks.

That is a stark assessment, and we should brief FM and dFM – please seek input from DoH.

I would welcome a briefing from the team on existing flu pandemic plans, focussing on the TEO role.

[REDACTED] NR - for David's information please.

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From: Rooney, Bernie [mailto:Bernie.Rooney@executiveoffice-ni.gsi.gov.uk]
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Chris,

I sat in on the COBR (F) with Minister Swann, CMO and DCMo.

Minister Swann asked if FM and DfM have been briefed on the issue. I have not seen any papers going through so I am not clear on what FM and DfM have been informed to date.

It is anticipated it will become a global pandemic over the next 3 weeks.

Agreed: it would be prudent to move to planning for a Reasonable Worst Vase Scenario.
Possible that it will be similar to the flu pandemic experience of 2018.

FCO still negotiating on diplomatic agreements regarding details for transporting British nationals out of China.

Passengers will be asked to sign a contract (which may be difficult to enforce) to agree to be in isolation or quarantine for a period . Duration, yet to be determined but likely to be 10 days.

Minister Swann thanked counterparts for their work to date. He sought clarity on the position of Northern Ireland

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