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Subject: RE: Covid-19: Public sector preparedness

David

In essence we would need to ask each Department to submit a return (for itself and ALBs) addressing the Cabinet Office requirements (or as much of them as are not already covered by the returns received to date).

The alternative would be to resist Cabinet Office and go it alone. However, that might be counterproductive – earlier today, all three DAs emphasised the importance of Whitehall sharing its data and modelling with us.

The reaction to repeat requests for information from the centre will, of course, be one of tolerance and understanding.

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Chris

OK, I'm minded to test reaction at PSS in the morning.

Could we produce a short note for PSS, or shortly afterwards which sets out clearly what we're asking departments to do? I have a submission some perm secs may not be fully sighted on this work.

We can think separately about whether we could/should submit a return ad referendum ministers.

David

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David

I think the expectation is that we will contribute. From what Bernie tells me of the standard of material received to date from Departments, we could not hope to meet the deadline without concerted work in all Departments throughout the weekend. You might need to mandate that at PSS.

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Chris

To note, just in from CO. I'm on the cc list but not as a main addressee. I also don't see Leslie and Shan.

Do you know if we're expected to participate? If so, we should discuss in the morning.

David

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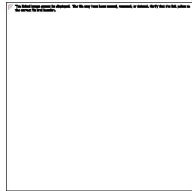
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Subject: Covid-19: Public sector preparedness

Dear heads of department,

Please see attached a commission from the Cabinet Secretary on public sector preparedness for Covid-19. Can returns be sent to Clare Gibbs (cc'd) and the covid19prep@cabinetoffice.gov.uk mailbox. Please note the deadline of midday on Monday 9th March.

I am copying this letter to Leslie Evans, Shan Morgan and David Sterling on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary.

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