Northern Ireland Office

Covid 19

Situation Report 32

New information in RED

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Key Developments

<u>Summary:</u> It is understood that Robin Swann has advised the Executive that further interventions are needed before the end of November. Close contact retail and limited hospitality venues are due to open tomorrow. Discussions are ongoing within the Executive. The 7-day rate has fallen again, to 180.7 per 100,000.

<u>NI</u>

- Robin Swann has written to SoS Health asking for up to four million fast-turnaround Covid-19 tests, UKG is yet to respond but we
 understand 1 million are set to be sent to NI soon and tests will be allocated according to Barnett consequentials. The tests would
 not be subject to lab processing, making them suitable for mass testing.
- Health officials have advise the Executive that further restrictions will be required before the festive period. This may include the
 introduction of local, legally enforceable travel restrictions.
- NI's Chief Scientific Adviser has said the R-rate in NI is current sitting at "around one", and has risen since schools' reopened two
 weeks ago.

<u>UK</u>

- UKG and DA Ministers are broadly aligned on a policy to allow Christmas 'bubbles'. CMOs from across the UK are to meet this
 week to discuss and provide advice on proposals, with a possible announcement late next week, a decision would be made at
 COBR.
- The Oxford/Astra-Zeneca vaccine has shown a strong immune response in those in their 60s and 70s. UKG has ordered 100m doses of the vaccine, which does not need to be stored at very cold temperatures.
- The Scottish Health Minister has announced plans to roll out a national vaccination plan next month, and vaccinate 0.5m by the end
 of the year.

<u>IE</u>

- Ireland's CMO has said that advances made during the first three weeks of the level five restrictions have not been maintained.
- The Irish Government has announced a 50 million euro one off Covid payment scheme for third level students today.
- Two Covid 19 testing facilities are opening at Dublin Airport, one a drive through test that goes into operation today, and the other a
 walk in test which opens on Monday.

Data Update

| | Northern Ireland | Total UK | Ireland |
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| Tests - Not including antibody test or ONS surveillance. | 875,832 (+8,781) | 36,747,691 (+424,941) as of Thursday 19th November | 1,846,364 (+80) |
| Cases | 48,716 (+487) | 1,430,783 (+22,473) | 69,437 (+4,182) |
| Deaths | 901 (+12) | 53,343 (+432) | 2,006 (+12) |
| Hospital inpatients (current) | 456 (+4) | 16,345 (+64) UK-wide as of Thursday 19th November | 290 (+16) |
| Cases per 100,000, 7 & 14 day cumulative figures | 180.7 (7 day cumulative figure - down from 187.9) 394.9 (14-day cumulative figure - down from 401.1) | 260.5 (7 day cumulative figure - down from 265.5) 505.4 (14-day cumulative figure - no change) | 57.3 (7 day cumulative figure - up from 57.0) 115.0 (14-day cumulative figure - up from 114.3) |

More detail on today's numbers

Rates Across NI

• The average rate of positive crosses per 100,000 over the past 7 days across Northern Ireland is now 180.7, down from 187.9 yesterday. The 7-day rate is highest in: Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon (up to 248.0); Derry City and Strabane (up to 221.0); and Mid Ulster (up to 218.3); Causeway Coast and Glens (down to 187.2)

Total Individuals Positive

A running total of 48,716 individuals have now tested positive in NI.

Age Profile of Positive Tests

• The proportion of cases in those aged 60 over the last 7 days has risen to 22.2%. The number of positive tests in those aged 80 and older during the last 7 days has decreased on yesterday to 251.

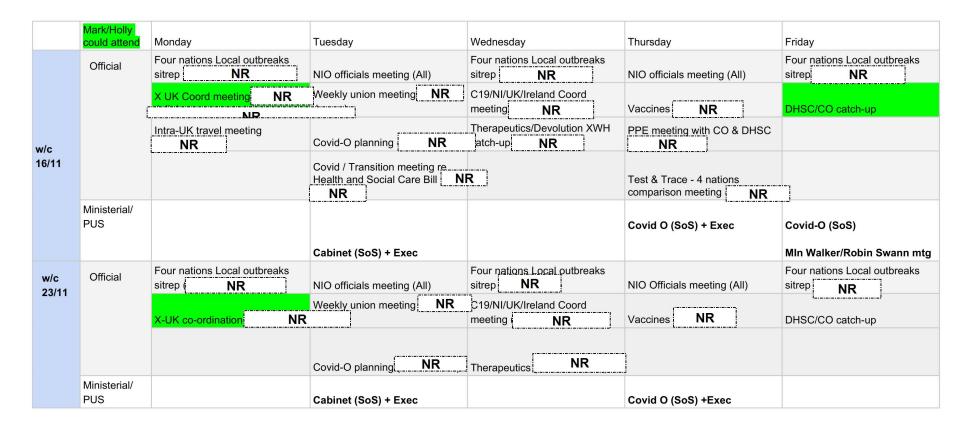
Hospitalisations

There are currently 456 COVID inpatients in NI hospitals. Currently 31 of 136 ICU beds are unoccupied.

General Hospital Beds Occupancy

Across the NI healthcare system occupancy is at 100%, with four of twelve hospitals operating beyond capacity. Across the
regional Trusts, there are 10 unoccupied beds.

Forward Look



Latest Lines / stats

- See <u>here</u> for the DoH dashboard with the latest numbers (updated at 2 every day, including weekend)
- See here for the Healthcare Team's latest lines on Covid
- See <u>here</u> for NIE press conference readouts