

England only based on your structures. We communicated with John M and were told to send the fields data in half of form that was relevant. however it has been almost a week since they last communicated.

[15/12/2020, 16:51:05] Emily Lawson: Will chase Gillian thank you. Good point!

[15/12/2020, 17:13:07] Naresh Chadha: Thanks Agree. I'm having urgent internal meeting on this tomorrow

[15/12/2020, 20:55:05] Derek Grieve: I think this merits a deeper conversation. I'm not sure my Minister agrees it is necessarily a UK programme. I suspect my Ministers view would be this is a Scottish programme that is broadly aligned to others across the UK. On that basis I'd really prefer to avoid a spat so my preference is to use tried and tested mechanisms such as the national biosecurity centre. We are starting to publish weekly stats from tomorrow.

[15/12/2020, 21:14:15] Derek Grieve: Colleagues- I should have said that over the course of today my Ministers asked that we move to a weekly reporting mechanism for vaccines to try and move us away from being pressured to report management information which as we all know has limitations. We are trying to stop reporting daily stats and trying to move towards more robust weekly stats but I'm not sure I will win this battle. I'm really sorry if this has bounced you as it genuinely wasn't my intention. Perhaps our analysts could engage to agree a consistent framework for reporting?

[15/12/2020, 21:16:37] Gillian Richardson: We also favour weekly reporting

[15/12/2020, 21:30:31] Emily Lawson: Are you publishing total number only Derek or more than that?

[15/12/2020, 21:33:21] Derek Grieve: Let me send you all what we publishing. It's predominantly top line numbers (number of people being vaccinated).

[15/12/2020, 21:35:25] Derek Grieve: My stats colleagues will provide this at 09:30 tomorrow so I'll send it over as soon as I get it.

[15/12/2020, 21:43:05] Emily Lawson: Ok. We have a sub w sos etc to start weekly pub from next Thursday

[15/12/2020, 21:43:21] Emily Lawson: No doubt we'll now need to do something sooner

[16/12/2020, 10:09:14] Emily Lawson: Now I have to apologise as the vaccines minister picked up convo with sos and tweeted it without checking. Sos not happy and trying to redeem, no 10 didn't know etc

[16/12/2020, 10:09:55] Emily Lawson: Idea was to out a total uk number out "more than 130k" not indiv numbers so first ministers could do their own

[16/12/2020, 10:10:14] Emily Lawson:

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[16/12/2020, 10:10:20] Emily Lawson:

[16/12/2020, 10:10:27] Emily Lawson:

[16/12/2020, 10:10:39] Emily Lawson: Sorry and let's talk data strategies at our four way

[16/12/2020, 10:22:55] Gillian Richardson: Where can I see what is in the public domain please Emily.

Our Minister has his general public address on all things covid at 12

[16/12/2020, 10:28:36] Derek Grieve: Thanks for the heads up. My Minister is now aware and I suspect this may crop up at the 4 nations call tomorrow. I hope this doesn't influence the ability for me to provide future updates on numbers.

[16/12/2020, 10:30:51] Emily Lawson: The answer is I'm not telling the minister anything !

[16/12/2020, 10:31:09] Emily Lawson: Dh is going to call your ministers to apologise

[16/12/2020, 10:32:27] Derek Grieve: That's a good shout and will take the heat out of this.

[16/12/2020, 10:32:33] Emily Lawson: I'm ashamed to give you the link hut here

<https://twitter.com/nadhimzahawi/status/1339143635586207744>

[16/12/2020, 11:26:57] Gillian Richardson: oh dear. makes sharing 'confidentially' tricky. I think he also caused confusion on his comments stating hospitality venues may need evidence on Covid vaccination before admission in future That came as a Q at a press meeting I was giving with CMO, so we had to say that in Wales this was not our plan. Challenges join up, sounds like discipline in camp needed. could make devolved nations rethink association with pan uk programme, that's the risk

[16/12/2020, 12:52:52] Emily Lawson: Agree

[16/12/2020, 12:53:35] Emily Lawson: And again I am sorry. He is very clear that he messed up. We can agree going forward plan and I will keep him out of the data

[16/12/2020, 12:54:30] Gillian Richardson: My govt stats dept now crawling all over this. unofficial sharing may be tricky

[16/12/2020, 12:54:46] Emily Lawson: Understand

[16/12/2020, 13:07:07] Naresh Chadha: Just seen a press release with aggregated figures with England figures separate released by DHSC.

[03/01/2021, 12:24:59] Gillian Richardson: I cannot divert Pfizer to tiny practices for staff all prepd for oxford before they give to their patients. I would have to get them to an mc which would be newsworthy. I gather theres a meeting at 2. I hope news is positive

[03/01/2021, 18:16:20] Gillian Richardson: Hi Emily I gather signs are positive re the antibody tests. Any result of meeting?

[03/01/2021, 18:27:41] Naresh Chadha: Hi. I've heard the same. Haven't heard anything further this evening.

[03/01/2021, 18:46:59] Emily Lawson: Mhra say there is no risk. They may or may not write out based on what nhsbt said yesterday

[03/01/2021, 18:54:27] Derek Grieve: Just to say probably the most robust advice I've ever drafted going to FM on not prioritising teachers. We are going to be making an announcement tomorrow on nationwide restrictions. Likely to result in more pressure on vaccines though.

[03/01/2021, 18:56:16] Emily Lawson: Thanks Derek

[03/01/2021, 21:47:29] Gillian Richardson: thanks all

[04/01/2021, 09:45:03] Derek Grieve: Just to say we've managed to get the AZ vaccine out to GPs from today (only in one Board though and only a couple of GPs as they had a license that allows them to do it). It will be very small scale but I wanted you to be aware.

[04/01/2021, 09:45:24] Emily Lawson: That's great news- well done!

[04/01/2021, 13:49:35] Derek Grieve: Is there any chance we could use our next meeting to touch on grouping priority groups (3-5) rather than working through sequentially as my Minister has asked for some urgent advice on this. My CMO is very supportive as it maximises flexibility but I would like us to move together if possible.

[04/01/2021, 14:07:04] Gillian Richardson: would be good to chat through. maximising our flexibility would make all our lives easier

[04/01/2021, 14:08:10] Emily Lawson: I'd love to and jvt was supportive last week, not so much earlier!

[04/01/2021, 14:08:27] Emily Lawson: Should we ask my team to put paper together?

[04/01/2021, 14:25:29] Derek Grieve: only if it's not too much of an issue. Just discussing the broad principles to allow us to advice our respective on the general approach might be ok in the very short term.

[04/01/2021, 14:25:40] Emily Lawson: Yes will see what I can do

[04/01/2021, 17:31:36] Gillian Richardson: no reactions reported in Wales today

[04/01/2021, 17:49:26] Derek Grieve: Same here. Think we will manage 350 over 80 year olds across 4 GP practices today. Not official number though

[04/01/2021, 19:58:05] Derek Grieve: Emily. Is the PM about to announce a timeline for completion of groups 1-4?

[04/01/2021, 20:07:27] Derek Grieve: It would have been helpful to know this before it was announced. This has put all of us on the back foot to explain if we can match this.

[04/01/2021, 20:22:24] Gillian Richardson: Will we get the supplies I have just 22k of Astra Zeneca to go round all my GPs this week!

[04/01/2021, 20:47:49] Gillian Richardson: Welsh media battering our Minister for not giving same target in an interview earlier today.

[04/01/2021, 20:48:26] Emily Lawson: Sorry just seen this

[04/01/2021, 20:48:36] Emily Lawson: I asked when I was told if you had been

[04/01/2021, 20:48:38] Emily Lawson: Sorry

[04/01/2021, 20:48:43] Emily Lawson: I should have got on here

[04/01/2021, 20:48:49] Emily Lawson: They told me they'd handle it

[04/01/2021, 20:49:42] Gillian Richardson: no one is handling Comms to 3 non English Nations. Ministers furious.

[04/01/2021, 20:49:49] Emily Lawson: Argh

[04/01/2021, 20:49:53] Emily Lawson: That's crap I'm sorry

[04/01/2021, 20:52:50] Gillian Richardson: SoS may need to pick up pieces and guarentee supply to us all to honour target in timescale demarcated now for all in next meeting

[04/01/2021, 20:55:34] Emily Lawson: Just called sos office

[04/01/2021, 20:55:54] Emily Lawson: They will get back to me

[04/01/2021, 21:00:20] Emily Lawson: When it came up early evening it was just a number, it changed in last 2 hours to give cohorts which made it much harder

[09/01/2021, 08:06:39] Gillian Richardson: lack of warning on key announcements tokenism in decisions. everyone's up for the pressure I believe. its testing devolution !

[09/01/2021, 08:07:32] Gillian Richardson: just for awareness.

[09/01/2021, 08:39:49] Antonia Williams: Frustration understood but this document is just abt setting out all the plans/briefings in one place, rather than new announcements, to try and calm some of the noise

[09/01/2021, 09:22:19] Gillian Richardson: Antonia , I haven't received yet could you email it to me directly please? many thanks.

[09/01/2021, 09:23:43] Antonia Williams: I emailed it to you at 5.17 yesterday, have just resent, let me know if don't get it in case am using wrong email address

[09/01/2021, 09:26:33] Gillian Richardson: thanks Antonia, sometimes things go to junk, must check more. your email just came through 😊

[09/01/2021, 09:54:05] Antonia Williams: No prob, I imagine the volume of emails is quite intense at your end too!

[10/01/2021, 13:46:33] Antonia Williams: Hi all, thank you very much for responses from you/your ministers at very short notice. SoS' office considering next steps and will respond directly but wanted to give you latest informally. SoS feels we need to go ahead with a publication tmrw to meet our commitment and shld be clear re roles and responsibilities in document but SoS agrees with your ministers that we shld explore working together on a more strategic joint document for early feb

[10/01/2021, 13:47:27] Antonia Williams: We are working to get a a final document agreed across Whitehall this afternoon for publication tmrw morning

[10/01/2021, 13:48:06] Antonia Williams: Thank you for some useful additions from NI colleagues in partic re language to show what is England and what is DA responsibility which we have taken on board

[10/01/2021, 13:48:51] Gillian Richardson: Thank you Antonia. Happy Sunday!

[10/01/2021, 13:50:06] Antonia Williams: There are a couple of points it wld be helpful to make sure we are fairly reflecting in doc

[10/01/2021, 13:52:25] Naresh Chadha: Thanks Antonia. We really want to work towards a joint strategic document and we tried to feed as back as best we could on a very short timescale.

[10/01/2021, 13:53:59] Antonia Williams: A big thank you for your input and turning around comments so quickly, we really appreciate it, we wld also prefer to just have a single joint document on a slightly more reasonable timeframe!

[10/01/2021, 14:06:19] Antonia Williams: One thing we need is an approximate number of total vaccination sites across UK - best estimate we've got at moment is 'over 2,600 sites across UK' - based on 1200 in England, 1100 in Scotland, 328 in NI and 7 in Wales

[10/01/2021, 14:07:01] Derek Grieve: Happy to stick with that for Scotland.

[10/01/2021, 14:07:24] Antonia Williams: Wld be v helpful if you cld confirm right or give any updates (esp Gillian as think we prob don't have info re GP rollout for you) - don't propose to include specific numbers for S/W/NI, just number for England and UK and don't want latter to be wildly off!

[10/01/2021, 14:07:33] Antonia Williams: Thanks Derek

[10/01/2021, 14:09:51] Antonia Williams: Happy Sunday to you all too, have had more relaxing sundays!

[10/01/2021, 14:21:52] Naresh Chadha: Thanks will confirm figures with colleagues.

[10/01/2021, 14:28:07] Antonia Williams: Thanks Naresh

[10/01/2021, 14:28:41] Antonia Williams: Couple of other points

[10/01/2021, 14:29:58] Antonia Williams: SoS wld like map in strategy showing UK sites - wld you be willing to provide info so we can create this?

[10/01/2021, 14:31:01] Antonia Williams: Nhse will start publishing daily data on total vaccinations tmrw, think couple of you may also be planning to do, wld be helpful to know if so and if you wld be willing for this to be referenced publicly (understand if not re latter)

[10/01/2021, 14:31:55] Antonia Williams: And we have been asked to include UK cohort estimates, we have so far extrapolated these from nhse numbers for England - we will send them through for a sense check that they are not wildly out

[10/01/2021, 14:32:30] Antonia Williams: We will not obviously be including individual cohort numbers for S/W/NI as these wld need to be agreed/provided by you

[10/01/2021, 14:33:02] Derek Grieve: The map we have isn't very clear. I don't have a problem in principle but not sure I have anything that is usable.

[10/01/2021, 14:34:01] Antonia Williams: It will have so many dots on it, I'm not sure it matters how clear it is tbh, just shows generally lots of dots everywhere!

[10/01/2021, 14:34:26] Derek Grieve: On cohort numbers we would need our Minister to agree as there's a lot of sensitivity around these.

[10/01/2021, 14:34:30] Antonia Williams: Best thing for us is postcodes that military team can use to plot but map and/or postcodes wld be great

[10/01/2021, 14:34:38] Antonia Williams: Yes understood

[10/01/2021, 14:35:24] Naresh Chadha: We have seven larger trust sites and then scores of GP sites. I'm not sure we could turn this around today.

[10/01/2021, 14:37:37] Naresh Chadha: We provided some provisional cohort estimates in draft.

[10/01/2021, 14:43:14] Antonia Williams: Thank you, we've got them and will be helpful to check against

[10/01/2021, 14:46:04] Naresh Chadha: Thanks I presume then an overall uk figure for cohorts. Not broken down by country?

[10/01/2021, 14:51:07] Antonia Williams: Yes exactly, England specific and UK total

[10/01/2021, 14:52:30] Derek Grieve: Is it all priority groups or just 1&2?

[10/01/2021, 14:52:57] Antonia Williams: 1-9

[10/01/2021, 14:55:51] Derek Grieve: Ok. If these are going to be presented at a UK level I'll send them on.

[10/01/2021, 15:06:42] Antonia Williams: Thanks Derek

[10/01/2021, 16:48:57] Antonia Williams: Hi Gillian/Naresh, any luck with approximate site numbers for tmrw?

[10/01/2021, 16:55:22] Naresh Chadha: Hi Antonia. We have 7 trust based sites and 321 GP practices who will be part of the deployment plans. Of the latter I can't disaggregate how many will collaborate to form collective arrangements and who will operate independently or deploy mobile / roving teams as required However, they are all part of deployment so will all be involved in some capacity.

[10/01/2021, 16:56:14] Antonia Williams: Thanks Naresh, that makes sense, will all 321 GP practices be live on Monday or just a subset?

[10/01/2021, 16:56:56] Antonia Williams: Derek, ditto re the 1100 in Scotland?

[10/01/2021, 17:01:15] Naresh Chadha: Antonia, I can't guarantee they will all be live Monday. It's dependent on a range of factors in terms of delivery of supply etc.

[10/01/2021, 17:28:42] Naresh Chadha: However on top of the 45 practices who started vaccinating last week the remaining 276 will begin vaccinating this week in some form of arrangement, mostly from tomorrow.

[10/01/2021, 17:44:32] Gillian Richardson: Antonia if these are to be released as a cumulative I can share

[10/01/2021, 17:47:14] Antonia Williams: Thanks Gillian, yes assure will be cumulative only

[10/01/2021, 17:49:45] Antonia Williams: In this doc/at this stage, we will check back before referring specifically to any DA numbers

[10/01/2021, 17:54:47] Gillian Richardson: thanks as they will change even midweek. 35 mass centres, 100 GPs and 14 mobile teams

[10/01/2021, 18:37:16] Antonia Williams: Thanks v much all, we will refer to over 2700 sites across the UK this week (in strategy doc/press release tmrw)

[10/01/2021, 21:54:20] Naresh Chadha: Colleagues, will not be at deployment board tomorrow morning. My colleague, NR, will try to join if possible to represent NI.

[11/01/2021, 09:08:04] Emily Lawson: Hi I won't be there today either- got pac. NR is chairing.

[11/01/2021, 11:00:41] Derek Grieve: The politics of accusations relating to delivery being out of sync with supply in Scotland is proving to be challenging. This risks the strong partnership working between us all.

[11/01/2021, 11:09:59] Emily Lawson: Where is that coming from?

[11/01/2021, 11:38:01] Derek Grieve: Can I call you to discuss?

[11/01/2021, 11:38:30] Emily Lawson: Sure - could it be post pac?

[11/01/2021, 11:39:05] Derek Grieve: Just let me know when it would suit you best. It's not massively urgent.

[11/01/2021, 19:58:27] Gillian Richardson: Hi SROs does anyone have SRO role description , Ops , Policy leads please just want to do more work on!

[11/01/2021, 19:58:39] Gillian Richardson: Diolch! 🙏

[11/01/2021, 21:23:46] NR Gill could you share the analyst who worked on your priority cohort numbers you published today for Wales as our analytical colleagues are looking to engage around

[16/02/2021, 18:42:20] Gillian Richardson: Hi Antonia, yes he has arranged to visit a centre in Wales tomorrow am. Police have confirmed. Our Minister is disappointed not to have been at least informed but the attention to our vaccination efforts are of course to be welcomed.

[18/02/2021, 16:00:54] Emily Lawson: Hi there. Just flagging re the roadmap doc, CO currently say cohort 1-9 first dose offered by end April. Some pressure to move that to mid April which SoS would like to support if additional supply becomes available before then. Not sure how that fits with current deployment plans, could you bear that in mind as you look at the next 8 weeks?

[18/02/2021, 16:02:11] Derek Grieve: We will look but our current modelling is indicating early May but that could change if we got more supply of course.

[18/02/2021, 16:44:19] Gillian Richardson: We would need lot more supply but have plenty of capacity. weve had to stand down some services with AZ dip

[20/02/2021, 14:19:34] Emily Lawson: Sos emphasising again today that we might get more supply of AZ. I said we'd really need actuals to plan to, but in the meantime he's keen for me to flag. Let me know if you'd like to talk about it

[20/02/2021, 14:26:10] Derek Grieve: My sense is my Ministers would need need more than a vague promise of more vaccine to commit to any earlier completion. We have however continually stressed all of our planning is predicated on supply and of course this could go up or down.

[20/02/2021, 14:26:33] Emily Lawson: Yes totally get that

[20/02/2021, 14:49:38] Gillian Richardson: Would so welcome extra supply. Our Minister and NZahawi very positive meeting yesterday.

[20/02/2021, 19:13:22] Emily Lawson: Speaking to VTF, they are pursuing additional supply of AZ. Assuming it is agreed it will give a big step up in AZ supply over the current schedule. Irrelevant & Sensitive

Irrelevant & Sensitive The first delivery will have a short shelf life so we will need max capacity. Irrelevant & Sensitive Don't have numbers yet but the deliveries are likely to be in the region of three times the planned delivery quantities of AZ. Irrelevant & Sensitive

Irrelevant & Sensitive Detailed schedules will be issued as soon as agreement is reached, hopefully on Monday (22nd Feb). Does that help you feel more confident about the target?

[20/02/2021, 19:57:23] Gillian Richardson: Sounds really positive 🎉

[22/02/2021, 14:03:56] Naresh Chadha: Are we having rehearsal?

[22/02/2021, 14:04:06] Antonia Williams: Yes quick one if you can join now

[22/02/2021, 14:04:38] Naresh Chadha: Ok

[22/02/2021, 15:26:12] Emily Lawson: @ I&S have Scotland have formally moved their position on JCVI cohort 6 as suggested above?

[22/02/2021, 15:27:52] Emily Lawson: <attached: 00000707-PHOTO-2021-02-22-15-27-51.jpg>

[22/02/2021, 15:33:01] Derek Grieve: It seems the FM announced this today. We're just trying to understand what this means as cohort 6 is already pretty challenging.

[22/02/2021, 15:36:22] Emily Lawson: Ok let us know- we share your feelings!

[22/02/2021, 16:01:50] Naresh Chadha: We're having a bad day at the office today. Unpaid carers.

[22/02/2021, 16:03:03] Derek Grieve: Been there got the T shirt. We are having to use our definition of carers in the Scottish carers act which is broader than the JCVI definition.

[22/02/2021, 16:07:51] Naresh Chadha: We have poor systems for recording unpaid carer status so problems

[22/02/2021, 16:12:38] Derek Grieve: We are creating a portal for self declaring. Would it be worth our teams speaking to each other?

[22/02/2021, 16:16:06] Gillian Richardson: Yes agree Derek

[22/02/2021, 16:26:42] Antonia Williams: Wld be v helpful to get any intel from you on LD front Derek as it's the first diversion from jcvl advice so tricky handling all round

[22/02/2021, 16:27:24] Naresh Chadha: Yes helpful. We have had to be quite permissive so now being criticised for being too liberal, not enough proof etc.

[22/02/2021, 16:40:31] Emily Lawson: We are also using broader definition as ppl with carer designation from dwp are more than jcvl

[22/02/2021, 16:40:46] Emily Lawson: Need to make clear the policy as raised by NR today

[22/02/2021, 16:41:18] Emily Lawson: Yes to teams speaking re carer definition

[22/02/2021, 19:00:10] Antonia Williams: Hi all, think you all have sight of the draft jcvl statement now? Looking at publication towards end of week. consideration here of a potential high level statement re gov's intention to follow jcvl advice (subject to final advice etc), helpful to know if you think your