

[24/03/2020, 10:06:33 pm] DomC: We MUST get a grip of the tube -- focus groups tonight were scathing and the Gvt, not Sadiq, is seen as to blame

[24/03/2020, 10:07:51 pm] DomC: P/Chris -- public are saying in focus groups -- 'other countries are quarantining people who fly in from hotspots, why on earth aren't we??' Isn't this something we should do, as per SING/Taiwan etc??

[24/03/2020, 10:13:35 pm] Whitty Chris: Sage looked at this more than once. Imported will now add very little to the burden of disease. It really makes a marginal difference even at the start (Italy - good example, they banned flights from China). It is always true that the population think foreigners (or visitors) are to blame.

[24/03/2020, 10:14:06 pm] Whitty Chris: Patrick can comment on sage more formally.

[24/03/2020, 10:19:27 pm] Whitty Chris: (We described syphilis as the French Pox, the Spanish Pox or the Neapolitan disease depending on who was most out of favour)

[24/03/2020, 10:21:58 pm] DomC: I get that but a/ I'm not saying stop the flights, b/ I'm suggesting it's understandable and arguably reasonable to say that if everyone in non-critical job is being urged to stay at home cos we're doing all we can to stop the disease, why wouldn't we quarantine (whatever Taiwan/SING do) those returning from hotspots for 7 days? This does not seem unreasonable to me -- it's obviously true that by itself it would have trivial effect but that's also true of endless relatively small things in isolation! But if your policy is -- do all we reasonably can, then issuing this instruction, as countries that have visibly been successful are doing, does seem reasonable...? Also -- it is trivial cost -- and if the public watch it and conclude 'this shows the govt isn't actually serious, screw it I'm going out' etc -- which I fear is starting to happen -- then...

[24/03/2020, 10:23:33 pm] DomC: I'm sure the Tube farce is by itself relatively trivial but if a Gvt isn't seen to act on such things, people conclude 'are they really serious about this' -- that's my main fear

[24/03/2020, 10:31:53 pm] Whitty Chris: I don't have a very strong view either way on asking people to self quarantine for 7 days from hotspots. In reality the major hotspots we know about at the moment include Italy, Spain, Arguably France, USA. Plus Iran and Middle East. But probably much wider. As people are supposed to stay at home except for essential things (mainly work), it should only affect business travellers and workers who have to meet face to face, no choice. Otherwise current guidance covers it.

[24/03/2020, 10:32:20 pm] DomC: thx

[25/03/2020, 5:55:19 am] Vallance Patrick: As Chris says, travel looks like less than 0.5% of total burden of new infection. We should be asking all travellers to follow the rules (don't go out unless essential), and business travellers not to travel unless absolutely essential (difficult to see what that would be). Adding a quarantine would be a policy choice rather than something that is driven by a scientific imperative but there is not a downside

[25/03/2020, 7:53:23 am] Johnson Boris: Dyson has a ventilator ready to go. We can have 3000 a week in 3 weeks made in the UK. It's safe, effective and loses less oxygen. Rhys Williams has blocked it under the misapprehension that oxygen passes through the motor - that is total bollocks. As far as I can see we haven't actually ordered a single UK produced ventilator - we are at risk of fiddling whilst Rome burns.

I've spoke to Matt and James Bethell about it and I've escalated the issue to everyone I can think of. When you see Matt this am you need to ask about Dyson ventilator and what is blocking it. Sorry but I'm on a mission - Dyson knows what he is doing and won't risk his global brand reputation delivering dodgy ventilators. Glad to see Abbott antibody testing kits orders - I found the supply and did the deal. A

[25/03/2020, 7:53:40 am] Johnson Boris: Felders

[25/03/2020, 8:23:34 am] Hancock Matt: I've brought Feldman in - he's doing God's work - and we can go through where we are on ventilators at 9:15

[25/03/2020, 8:38:18 am] Johnson Boris: Good and he wants me to talk to the head of Roche

[25/03/2020, 8:38:25 am] Johnson Boris: V happy to do that

[25/03/2020, 8:39:01 am] Hancock Matt: Good

[25/03/2020, 3:57:00 pm] Hancock Matt: 405,000 have already signed up as NHS Volunteers - busting our 250,000 target in under 24 hours...

[25/03/2020, 3:59:57 pm] Cain Lee: Fantastic! Pm will announce at press conference

[25/03/2020, 4:00:33 pm] Hancock Matt: 🙌🌟

[25/03/2020, 5:35:33 pm] Johnson Boris: Xx

<https://twitter.com/wtgowers/status/1242739384790761472>

[25/03/2020, 5:42:13 pm] Johnson Boris: This is really really important.