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FYI – Elizabeth is going to commission, but not a surprise.

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The PM has asked for further advice on options for financial support for people told to stay at home by medical advice. He understands the CX's over-arching approach on this and shares his position that everything else equal we would not want to act where there is a risk of setting a precedent and creating liabilities for longer-term term increases to welfare support (or indeed create unnecessary or burdensome separate welfare streams for certain groups) he has raised concerns about the possibility that people might feel compelled to not comply with guidance to isolate due to financial pressures; or that people classed as clinically extremely vulnerable could feel compelled to work in an unsafe workplace as the furlough scheme winds down over the summer.

He would therefore like to understand what options are available to address in particular support:

- (i) **as a priority** people in the shielding group when shielding is paused, but whose employer cannot provide a 'safe workplace';
- (ii) people who have to serially self-isolate due to Test Track and Trace; and
- (iii) people impacted by a local lockdown.

For reference, announcements on shielding next week could raise the issue on (i) up the agenda rapidly next week.

Please could you provide a note by next Friday outlining providing options for support, and your analysis of the desirability and need for these options, through:

1. Devolved support through local authorities building on the recently announced crisis grants as a route to target support at those who need it (while working with less clear cut definitions of target groups than under previous shielding guidance);
2. Support through employers: what can be done through employment rights without legislation; could targeted changes (eligibility and generosity) to SSP be made; and could targeted employers subsidies be developed;