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Mark

The PM was grateful for your note commenting that it had a lot of good sense in it. He agreed that we should be looking at a complete overhaul of NHSE governance and the health and care sectors.

He said we need to explain for ourselves much more clearly how we came to have so many fatalities obesity is in his view a significant factor. [Personal Data]

[Personal Data] and that we are the fattest nation in Europe bar the Maltese and need to do something about that now (by educating people about the benefits of getting fit and how to do so and publicising the risks of not doing so). He is contemplating a speech and a book on this. (I know that the Health Secretary is producing some ideas on this too.)

He also commented that we did suffer from chronic optimism bias from DHSC but it was also true that we did not inherit a real plan for dealing with an epidemic of this scale from the Health Secretary's predecessors.

More specifically he commented on paragraph 5 that we kept being told that the plans for a crisis were OK, on paragraph 7 that we need clear eyed thinking on hospitality and recreation and on paragraph 10 that we need to revive international cooperation.

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