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FM

Intro

DOJ - speaker phone

① Minutes

Agreed? Yes

② M.A.

DOH

COVID 19

Met with Taoiseach / Tánaiste - Sat
Walt Hancock - Fri

Will issue numbers later

1083 tests

45 confirmed cases

Some community transmission

Test on those in hospital - change
Surge sub grp.

Hospitals - redeploying wards as
required

Ventilators - not enough. Will need
more. We will [] theatres,
no operations, ICU units.

Work ongoing.

P.R. on Fri - curtail health care/
elective procedures.

Replicated in Scot / Wales
- consistent message.

Publish this week - impact on health service.

NICS - all depts.

My dept - counterparts in ROI + UK.

All health depts - daily conf calls.

COVID 19 is now with us.

Now real

Met with speaker this a.m.

717 written questions.

Reprioritising internally

COVID 19 team - reprioritising

Allocate pressure.

DAERA

[Death] figures? [Trace]

DOH

~~grr~~ Contact tracing

Need to redeploy resources

DAERA

Capacity for checking numbers

DOH

100 per day.

DAERA

96% accurate

20,000 per day in []

DOH

Prefer to use resources to combat COVID 19 rather than count.

Self-isolate for 7 days first rather than testing.

DOJ

(phone)

Lot of pushback against testing

DOH

No.

Guidelines - travel.

DFI

How many people in NI have COVID.

DOH

Worst case scenario - 80% of population.

- some - no symptoms

" - mild

" serious - medical system

Can check figs.

DFI

Public Health England - testing for community transmission - why not NI?

DOH

Test positive - we can check where came from

Comm transmission - don't know where came from

DFI

Doing same as PHE England

DOH

Same procedures

dFM

If don't test everyone who has symptoms - will fail.

DOH

Resources

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Get figs/response for DFI

What pre-planning took place?
Protection for people in health service
Person died at wife — not COVID 19, but
staff were exposed.

DOH lot of materials there — manage^m of
resources.

DOF Daisy Hill — I'm told none available.

DOH Is available — message to Southern
Trust.

dfw Enormity of situation.
GB approach — nightmare compared
to rest of world / Europe.
Scotland — own approach.
Testing healthcare workers?

DOH Can be tested if they have symptoms.
Shared with CORA, share with
colleagues
I will do everything to protect my workers!

dfw WHO — test every case, every contact
Trying to do right thing
GB nightmare.
Suits island of Britain, doesn't suit
this island.
We won't get this right.
Need to adjust.

DOH

Exec direction?

I'm following advice of my CMO.

Spikes, clusters - not same here as ROI.

Medical advice

Timings different to ROI + GB, with/sth/east/west.

Danger - countries which flattened CMO - will come back again, withdraws from society.

Isolate over 70s? Have we system to support this?

~~Here~~ we have been preparing for past 7 weeks.

AFM

Contain, delay, mitigate.

Lost control from 2 weeks ago.

People taking own decisions.

DOH

Modelling behaviour - 80% / 20% - shd drive behaviour of 80%.

If we do it too early - effect on families etc.

Have to be sustainable - if introduced too early, can't sustain.

What is best decision to take?

Now is not right time to do it.

FM

Modelling - not static?

DOH

International modelling