

RE: Gold Command


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(Adding CFO & David Rogers)

PS/FM –

This note captures actions from tonight's call with the Ministerial Group on COVID.

1. Provide an assessment of the practicality, timescale, costs and benefits of re-establishing the NHS Louisa Jordan facility (John Burns)
2. Set out a package of Test & Protect changes designed for coherence and communicability, including to inform FM's statement to Parliament on 21 December (Christine McLaughlin)
3. Set out issues in relation to general vaccination for 5-11s, to support engagement with stakeholders (Stephen Gallagher)
4. Confirm plans across all Four Nations or vaccination on 25 and 26 December (Stephen Gallagher)
5. Continue to report on progress against vaccination targets and management of availability and demand (Stephen Gallagher)
6. Confirm the availability of new spend from the further £220m offered by the Chief Secretary in COBR (Jackie McAllister)
7. Set out for FM options for reprioritisation to release additional funds from within SG programmes (Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Economy, CFO)
8. Set out for FM and DFM by Monday afternoon options for applying funding thus available to support further measures to suppress transmission, drawing on those set out in Mandy Gordon's advice, adding options on large events, maintaining the advisory approach to in-home socialising and giving options for strengthening that guidance from after Christmas (Mandy Gordon)
9. Set out in the Cabinet paper the full costs and requirements for a 4-week "circuit breaker", to make it clear that lack of agreement from the UKG is preventing Scottish Ministers considering that option, despite modelling showing that only stringent measures would suppress R to below 1 for a period should that be necessary, justified and proportionate (for example to complete the booster programme, assess the severity of Omicron, prepare an extended COVID certification scheme and delay the expected peak of hospital pressures) (Alan Johnston)
10. Include in the draft Cabinet Paper a commission for a further edition of the Strategic Framework early in 2022 (Alan Johnston)

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Adding Derek Grieve for Vaccines Agenda item.

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Ahead of the call at 18:15, the First Minister has approved the following agenda:

1. Stocktake from COBR and next steps
2. Test & Protect: public health objectives and other matters
3. Vaccination: progress; further extension to younger people