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Subject: Readout: Vaccine Update [OFFICIAL]

All,

The PM met with Amanda Pritchard, Emily Lawson, Cx, SoS / Health, SoS / DLUHC, DHSC Permanent Secretary and others to discuss how to significantly increase vaccination capacity and demand over the next 2-3 weeks.

The NHS explained a plan under development to hit a run rate of 5.3m / week by the end of w/c 13 Dec, and 7.6m by end of w/c 20 Dec. This will require a number of actions to increase capacity, including:

- Focussing more PCN time on vaccinating (reducing other tasks)
- Increasing the numbers of sites and their operating hours / days (with additional financial support)
- Removing the 15 minute post-jab wait
- Redeploying workforces on to the vaccination programme

The Prime Minister, Cx, and Health Secretary thanked the NHS for the huge amount of work to develop the plan over the past 48 hours. They emphasised that this is a whole of government effort for which they are jointly responsible; it requires, and will be given, support from all Departments. The PM asked that we continue to push for the maximum ambition of providing a boost to all adults before Christmas. This will mean expediting all the actions in train, as well as considering the different limiting factors in each ICS and novel approaches to removing them. The current plan demonstrates significant ambition, but we must go even further; the temporary pain that this will bring will reduce the potential pain of a significant increase in hospitalisations as a result of Omicron.

The meeting agreed that the PM would announce a public target to provide a booster to all adults by the end of the year, along with the imperative to "Get Boosted Now". 18.1m people are eligible between now and 1 January. This announcement will set out that all over 18s can come forward for a jab now (noting that some 18-29 year olds will not be able to book immediately, and that those already booked in will of course take priority). It will also be important to be clear with the public and the NHS that other healthcare activities will be reduced over this period to enable focus on vaccination, and the system has full cover to do this.

CMO noted that:

- Advice on the reduction of the 15 minute post-job observation period is being finalised today, and should be agreed by Ministers
- CMOs have agreed to increase the Covid Alert Level from 3 to 4

On the plan for the rest of the day, it was confirmed that:

- NHS will engage clinicians
- SoS / DLUHC will have a call with DAs
- PM will update Cabinet
- PM will speak to LOTO and Health Sec will speak to Wes Streeting

We will set up daily delivery meetings, ensuring rapid implementation of agreed actions and consideration of novel approaches (format to be confirmed with TF and NHSE)

Best,

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