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**Subject:** Read out 4.3 Coronavirus Social Care

Dear all,

Thank you for joining the social care coronavirus meeting. Please see a brief read out below.

**Attendees:** MS(C) [NR] [NR] [NR] Jonathan Marron (JM) Ed Moses (EM), Jenny Harries (JH) Richard Cienciala (RC) Mark Harvey (MH) [NR] MHCLG [NR]

### Summary actions

1. To reconvene next week to discuss progress on MHCLG assurance and comms to the LAs. **PO to action.**

### General discussion

- MS(C) set out that she wants to know what we are doing for social care preparedness. She saw the two plans for Essex and Herts and was concerned.
- RR said that there were more detailed, COVID specific plans and started discussing slide 3 on assuring the plans. She outlined that MHCLG are setting up a process to assure plans and that the Department was identifying people to support on the social care aspect. MHCLG lead on these as they cover lots of other things too.
- MS(C) asked if the plan is to assure all plans.
- [NR] outlined what is being done in terms of reviewing plans, including bringing in health experts and doing this quickly. This process should happen in the next day or so. MS(C) asked how long the process would take. [NR] said it should take about a week.
- JH that the assurance you need is several layers below the plan. There are hugely detailed plans sitting at local levels that may not surface. MS(C) flagged that she is concerned that perhaps these plans don't exist. MH reassured there are plans that sit below this plan that include how do you prioritise plans etc.
- JH noted that she has a call with DPH locally to get some soft intelligence on plans.
- RR flagged that she is not sure that the current process will get to the level to detail that MS(C) necessarily wants. She asked whether we thought it was more important that we start articulating requirements to the sector. RR flagged that we need LAs to move away from containment plans start work on their plans for the "mitigate" phase.