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**Subject:** URGENT: Actions from 0915 and 0945 PM Strategy Meeting (23 March)

Dear all,

Please see actions and decisions from today's 0915 and 0945 PM Strategy Meetings, and **note the actions that are relevant to your department**. **These are very urgent (1:30pm deadline).** Please can you immediately stand up your policy officials now to start working on this, ahead of today's PM announcement and COBR meeting.

The Cabinet Office C-19 team will be in touch shortly to bring this information together. For now, the important action is to notify officials and ensure this work is internally progressing.

Many thanks in advance,

## 0915 PRIME MINISTER'S STRATEGY MEETING

### LIVE ACTIONS

1. **NHS ENGLAND** to consider in longer time how measures being put in place to deal with the immediate crisis can be adapted and embedded to make sure there is longer term resilience - ie for any future pandemics or health crises.

2. **DHSC and NHS ENGLAND** to advise on radical options for identifying roles that require a lower level of expertise and creative ways to staff those, what the legal, medical and ethical considerations of such an approach are, and how those risks may be mitigated.

3. **DHSC and NHS ENGLAND** to provide an update on these staffing plans at PM's strategy meeting tomorrow morning (24 March). This should include the clearest possible presentation of the numbers required, the gap between the numbers required and the numbers available, the plan for closing the gap, and timescales; including advice on how lead in times for training interact with the pace at which staffing needs to increase.

### LIVE DECISIONS

4. **DHSC and NHS ENGLAND** to drive forward all of their contingency plans at pace, expanding hospitals, procuring further capacity for beds, operation Nightingale, and expediting staffing plans. The Health MIG should examine how equivalent work is being done by the devolved administrations to ensure awareness of wider UK plans.

## 0945 PRIME MINISTER'S STRATEGY MEETING

## LIVE ACTIONS

1. **NO. 10** to speak with Mayor of London about increasing services on TfL so as to avoid crowding and pressure on other transport.
2. **CCS** to convene COBR late afternoon to confirm the final policy on further social distancing measures immediately ahead of a PM announcement late afternoon/evening; COBR to include the DAs.
3. On all non-work activities, **CO STRATEGY TEAM** to finalise whether there need to be any additions to the exceptional reasons why people can leave their homes given the presumption they must otherwise stay at home (see decision 1). This should include advice on definition of non-essential retail and whether to close down community spaces and other premises. To be finalised by 1.30pm today for agreement in COBR.
4. **CO STRATEGY TEAM** to work urgently with **HOME OFFICE** on a proposal for enforcing the further social distancing policy and MoJ on sentencing; the aim should be for light touch enforcement (police encouraging dispersal) or self-validation in the first instance, with stronger options (fines) as a last resort. To be finalised by 1.30pm today ahead of COBR.
5. **CO STRATEGY TEAM** to confirm the timeline for these measures, and whether some will be temporary, to make sure the PM has clear messages for his announcement later.
6. **CO STRATEGY / ECONOMY TEAM** to work with **HMT** to provide a list of core work that should continue for economic benefit and because it cannot be done from home, in case needed in future - to be considered in a future Business / Economy MIG.
7. **GPS MIG** to review pupil population on Tuesday following the implementation of the schools policy this week.

## LIVE DECISIONS

1. On all non-work related activity, the Government's policy should be clear that all people should stay at home unless there are specific reasons not to, which have been authorised by the Government. These reasons would be:

a. Trips to shops for food, preferably once a week;
b. 1 walk, run or other physical activity a day (to confer with DHSC / CMO on health advice on exercise), on own or in family groups only;
c. Medical appointments;
d. If it is not possible to work from home (see decision 3)

2. Non-essential retail should be closed down.
3. On work, the Government's policy should be that people should work from home if they can, and only go to their place of work if they really need to.
4. On communications, there should be a PM announcement of the policy late afternoon / evening. This should followed up through wider channels including targeted communications.
5. The PM's messages in his announcement should also include:

. A sense that these measures could be temporary, if people comply with them and curb the progression of the virus - and there will be a review point after the Easter weekend;
a. To educate the public on the economic consequences being created by those 'letting the side down' by not complying with the guidance.

Many thanks,
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