

	NR said this type of advice would be helpful.
NR	<p>Advice can sometimes turn into unhelpful rigid guidance that does not reflect the role of LRFs as local decision makers in their own locality</p> <p>Also LGA have created a place to provide links to all advice and guidance for local authorities from the three main sources – MHCLG / PHE / DHSC – of course does not work for providers</p> <p>The main headline for LAs is to revise local plan-flu plans in light of new information and anything that is different for CV and these plans can incorporate advice from the centre</p>
NR	Importance of careful comms – residents and elected members need up to date information that is consistent with advice from LRFs, with advice issued to the public and from DPHs. The key messages come from DPHs to LRFs and then flows from the LA representative in the LRF to other parts of LA
NR	NR sent in some early queries. Would like guidance / advice on prevention – how to adapt current infection controls. Danger of relying on information flows through LRFs – some local areas heard nothing, other got lots of information through that route.
NR	Modellers still unsure about the transmission method, rate etc so can't yet provide definitive advice.
NR	So emphasise good infection control. Also difficulty of isolating someone in a care home, or challenge of school closing when care workers have child care responsibilities
Summary	<p>NR</p> <p>NSG wants advice not guidance</p> <p>DHSC is clear that the response should be locally led and nationally supported</p> <p>The importance of aligning with LAs and LRFs</p> <p>Seeking technical advice and practical day to day advice</p> <p>Richard</p> <p>The technical advice will repeat the main elements in pan-flu and also identify any differences. Should be written by DHSC PH experts and tested with national partners</p> <p>DHSC to have first go at a skeleton and populate with answers to questions we have already received</p> <p>Suggest sending first version out even if not complete, possibly in letter format.</p> <p>ACTION – DHSC rapid process to collate what we have, involve NSG partners and colleagues and finalise quickly and get version 1 out bearing in mind above caveats</p>

Contingency plans

Richard	Is there anything else that DHSC can do to assure that local plans are robust
NR	<p>Neither LGA/ADASS have assurance skills. LAs are accountable to members/population and the assurance role sits with members. They can help, perhaps wrk on a checklist with Qs to ask when checking the plans are fit for purpose so LRF can be confident NR agreed</p>
Richard	Are there plans for all LAs, have they all been refreshed?
NR	Could we share best practice if we know of a good quality plan? Or provide peer support
Richard	ACTION all to think if any more could be done to assure contingency planning beyond dust-off and checklist