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Colleagues

I am grateful to those of you who were able to attend the Civil Contingencies Group (CCG) meeting this morning. Apologies to those of you who dialled in and were not able to follow the discussion particularly well - we are moving quickly to fix the glitch ahead of our next meeting; we agreed that should happen on Friday of this week.

What was clear to us all this morning is that our work on COVID-19 must now pick-up pace and intensity. We agreed that decisions taken in one Welsh Government policy area will almost certainly impact on other policy areas and we therefore need to be as joined-up as we possibly can be as we move forward. We also need to ensure that all policy areas with skin in the COVID-19 game are represented on the group, and by people senior enough to provide a strategic focus but who also have the authority to deploy / redeploy resources without the delay inherent in constantly having to refer up the line.

I chaired this morning's CCG in place of Reg because he was attending a meeting of the Cabinet to discuss, among other things, the structures we feel we need to put in place now to manage effectively the fight against COVID-19 in Wales. Cabinet signed-off the structure a day after it was formally signed off by the Permanent Secretary's ExCo COVID-19. The structure is attached above for your