

Technical Advisory Group - Socio Economic Harm Sub-group

Inception meeting - Thursday 23 July 2020

In attendance:

Jonathon Price (Chair)

NR (Secretariat)

Huw Morris

NR

Brendan Collins

Agenda items - Action Points arising

Name of group:

It was agreed to remove inequalities from the name of the group as this is a theme that will run across all of the areas discussed.

Action - agreed TAG Sub-group to be called Socio-Economic Harms Subgroup

Review terms of reference:

The draft TOR detailed the activity and remit of the group, but there was a discussion as to its remit as detailed in the TOR being expanded and related to the 4 harms. The role and remit required further clarification with these elements being incorporated into the TOR.

Action - BC/NR to meet to consider the additional text to be incorporated into the TOR

Groups work priorities and direction

The group discussed

- the focus of the group in relation the direct and indirect social and economic harms
- a scenario of responses and what policies might mitigate in the short to longer term

- in principal **NR** thought inequalities would be covered within the range of winners and losers identified and that such impacts would be able to be further stratified across sectors and groups
- JP that the area of potential work was vast and the resources available to the group would not be able to cover everything
- BC had circulated a report on the Direct and Indirect Impacts of COVID-19 on Excess Deaths and Morbidity (*Department of Health and Social Care, Office for National Statistics, Government Actuary's Department and Home Office 15 July 2020*)
- HM it should be possible to quantify the impacts in terms of cost and Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALYs) for mortality and morbidity over the short to long term; there were also other non-health impacts such as to young people's life chances/education/work opportunities. The report had a very useful summary at table 1.
- JP there seemed to be different approaches being discussed and the group needed to clarify its remit and approach so it was clear to all within the TOR. **NR** indicated the CMO also had a view on the role of the group. JP this needed to be defined and in particular that the groups remit could not be all encompassing and it should not repeat work being completed in health but should complement it

Actions

- **NR** to use Table 1 to produce a template based on an initial hypothesis of Wales representing 5% of the impacts (this could be flexed later)
- **NR** JP to raise remit of the group with the CMO who had his own perception of the groups' role.
- BC/**NR** to update the TOR and circulate in advance of the next meeting to inform their presenting this and the role of the group to the next meeting
- **NR** to draft action points

Membership suggestions

It was agreed consideration of the group's membership would be deferred as it would be dependent on the agreed remit of the group

Next meeting AOB - TBC