

4-1-21

2.25 pm.

dFM

Intro

V serious develop^m - COVID.

Current state of play

- call - M Gove, FM, DOH, FMs of Scotland + Wales.

Scotland - announce^m earlier today

K Pearson - update re England,

- lockdown

- some additional issues.

KP

Cabinet meeting now, PM announce^m 8.00 pm.

National lockdown - England.

Regs - shopping, medical, exercise
- re-intro - shielding.

To mid-Feb.

Schools to close

Higher ed - no return to end Feb.

Takeaway / click + collect - none for alcohol.

Outdoor sport - 1+1 person

Focus on unity of messaging

Lot of common ground with what we have.

DOH

Increase in current cases -
pressures on hospital system

500 + inpatients.

Over 49,000 people vaccinated.
Increase in cases - in line with
extreme modelling.

England / Scotland - put on a position
of 26 Dec on statutory footing,
Increase of traffic on roads.

Asked for travel restrictions in regs
on 19 Nov.

Schools - need to explore.

Higher / Further ed - no return to
end Feb - need to consider.

Shielding - issued letter - end Dec

Issues re enforcement - ensure
compliance / adherence.

Need to re-introduce power to
PSNI - enforce stay-at-home
message.

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Need Exec to be decisive tonight.

Stay at home

Schools

Further / higher ed.

Travel.

Schools - big issue.

Need to be clear, decisive.

Bad situation.

We are living worst case scenario,
Need to capture public.

PM Doing a lot of what England/Scotland doing
- stay-at-home - statutory footing.
x Fm, dFm, DH - to speak to Chief Constable?
x Need paper re schools
Reintroduction of shielding - pleased to
see it back in place.

SE Clarification - elsewhere - broader ed.
front
DH to clarify - childcare provision?
- v young children.

DH CDC mentioned - close to Feb, no
mention of childcare - children of key
workers.

SE Lot of people at home - ease some child-
care pressure. Schools can't do childcare.

Mention of special schools? 2% of
school population - parents v dependent
on special schools.

State wanted - broader provision.
Make provision for special schools.

dFm Speak to counterpart in England, SE.

SE With best will in the world - major
implications for children's wellbeing,
mental health if go to remote learning.