

PM STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING

9.15-10.00, Wednesday 18 March 2020

Cabinet Room, No 10 Downing Street

ACTIONS

1. SECRETARIAT and No 10 to set up a COBR(M) meeting for this afternoon to consider the decision on schools.
2. DFE to take forward urgent work to:
 - a. Articulate the policy proposal on schools for decision at COBR(M) later in the day;
 - b. How to implement the proposal.
3. SECRETARIAT to take forward urgent work to define 'key workers'.
4. MHCLG to take forward urgent work on London measures to:
 - a. Articulate the policy proposal on London for discussion at the PM meeting tomorrow at 9.15am;
 - b. How to implement the proposal.
5. MHCLG to engage with the Mayor of London on possible plans for London.
6. MHCLG (with CCS and SAGE) to urgently identify the compliance rate of currently announced measures and the impact that this will have on the disease curve.
7. DHSC to prepare an update on 'testing' for discussion at the Strategy Committee Meeting on Thursday 19 March, and for potential announcement later on Thursday 19 March.
8. DHSC and the PUBLIC SECTOR IMPLEMENTATION GROUP to take forward work on a public intervention on Personal Protective Equipment, with a view to launching a "Call to Arms" shortly.
9. DHSC to take forward work on ensuring the maximum number of people possible should be discharged from hospital. DHSC to report back to the PM on a target date for when all excess-stay patients will have been discharged from hospital.
10. DHSC, MHCLG and HMT to agree final package on social care resilience, and ensure closest possible working between local authorities and the NHS across the country.
11. DHSC to continue at pace the work on options for increasing the NHS workforce.
12. DWP to provide further information on 'demand' for, in relation to job centres, as well as the 'supply' update that had been provided to the meeting.
13. No 10 (TOM SHINNER) to work with CCS, DHSC and NHS England to ensure that the most up-to-date and accurate data on key stats - particularly deaths - in the format requested by No 10 is provided to Prime Minister by tomorrow morning in the dashboard.
14. No 10 (KATHARINE HOWELL) to continue liaison with the office of the Leader of the House of Commons to ensure Speaker is notified of key upcoming announcements.

DECISIONS

1. To hold a COBR(M) meeting later today to agree whether to announce today that schools will close from the end of this Friday, but that there will be provision at schools to continue to look after the children of key workers and the most vulnerable children.