

COVID OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 21(84)

Monday 13 September 2021 | 16:45-17:30

In person, Large Ministerial Conference Room,
Lower Ministerial Corridor, Palace of Westminster

ACTIONS

1. **DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE** to lay the necessary statutory instrument for the changes set out in the COVID-19 Taskforce paper "*Covid-19 Response: Autumn*", to take effect in accordance with the timescales set out in the paper.
 2. **COVID-19 TASKFORCE:** to reflect in the "*COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan*" publication that re-introducing working from home guidance would be the last step of any measures considered for implementation under a "Plan B" scenario.
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DECISIONS

1. The Committee agreed to "Plan A" as set out in the COVID-19 Taskforce paper "*Covid-19 Response: Autumn*". This included implementing vaccination for 12-15 year olds and a booster programme in line with **JOINT COMMITTEE ON VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION** advice and, for 12-15 year olds the additional advice from **THE UK CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS**, as well as all other elements set out in the paper, relating to "Plan A", including the position on education and universal asymptomatic testing.
2. The Committee agreed to the contingency plans as set out in "Plan B" in the COVID-19 Taskforce paper "*Covid-19 Response: Autumn*". These should be set out to the public alongside details of "Plan A" in the "*Covid-19 Response Autumn and Winter Plan*" publication to be published on Tuesday 14 September.

3. The Committee agreed that a Status Report on the Coronavirus Act, setting out which provisions will be expired, suspended or retained, should be laid in Parliament in week commencing 20 September, subject to ensuring **DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE** and **THE HOME OFFICE** are content with the approach to Section 22 of the Coronavirus Act (appointment of temporary Judicial Commissioners). The status report should be presented alongside new regulations on self-isolation and local authority powers (No3 regs). The regulations should be extended to 24 March 2022.