

attendance?

[05/06/2020, 07:22:26] Tom Shinner: Yes, we're getting the daily survey data in from DfE - let me dig out and send over

[05/06/2020, 07:22:46] Tom Shinner: It was supposed to go into dashboard for today!

[05/06/2020, 07:23:26] Simon Case: A ha! I vaguely recall that commitment, so was just searching for it!

[05/06/2020, 12:08:46] Simon Case: Just FYI - we had a chat with PM about package. NR helpfully talked him through public views/numbers. His conclusion (for now) - non-essential retail, private prayer, venues in cars, ruling out 3 wks of all primary. However, he wants to add household bubbles - agnostic about n+1 or n+n

[05/06/2020, 12:10:02] Simon Case: Imran writing up properly. We need to test all this on Rishi later

[05/06/2020, 12:16:09] Simon Ridley: Ta. Anything on hospitality? Or say nothing.

[05/06/2020, 12:17:17] Simon Case: Nothing on hospitality (for now). Let's see if that holds

[05/06/2020, 17:28:24] Simon Case: Complete u-turn after mtg with CX! NER, private prayer, household bubbles, isolated outdoor attractions, confirm all primary not happening, go ahead with outdoor hospitality in June - no to outdoor seeing, weddings, hospital visits, driving theory. And we will signal sticking to reopening closed sectors on 4 July

[05/06/2020, 18:52:49] Simon Case: I should add that I do not think this will be the final position, so I don't suggest we communicate any of this to anyone. I don't want to wind up Chris, Patrick or Matt until I am sure this will stick.

[05/06/2020, 21:58:36] Tom Shinner: 🍷

[05/06/2020, 22:01:44] Tom Shinner: [image omitted]

[05/06/2020, 22:02:16] Tom Shinner: [https://www.mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk/now-casting/PHE/Cambs findings](https://www.mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk/now-casting/PHE/Cambs%20findings) much more pessimistic than ONS

[05/06/2020, 22:02:46] Tom Shinner: [image omitted]

[06/06/2020, 13:22:53] Simon Case: Tom - you will have seen email exchange on this. Have spoken to Chris and Patrick. This wasn't a PHE product - it is a Cam Uni product that is one of many feeding into PHE/SAGE. Chris pointed out that there were more feed-in studies published yesterday which had R at 0.6, but those groups didn't make as much fuss about their work as Cambridge did, so no-one noticed! Have told them that they need to sort this out with DfE/PHE

[06/06/2020, 20:48:11] Tom Shinner: [image omitted]

[06/06/2020, 21:33:43] Simon Case: That is one very striking graph!

[08/06/2020, 20:00:02] Simon Case: PM has told Rishi we are not doing hospitality until 4 July

[08/06/2020, 20:00:53] Simon Ridley: And he's agreed...?

[08/06/2020, 20:01:44] Tom Shinner: 🍷👍

[08/06/2020, 20:07:52] Simon Case: Not so much agreed as accepted the PM's decision!

[08/06/2020, 20:11:18] Tom Shinner: how many hours do you give it before we have the conversation again? 😊



[10/06/2020, 07:25:01] Tom Shinner: Great - sounds super; thanks

[10/06/2020, 21:02:43] Tom Shinner: You seen ONS out? Decent tick down again; good news. Eyeballing it, looks like it's still roughly two week halving time

[10/06/2020, 21:05:07] Simon Case: I haven't seen. Sounds encouraging

[11/06/2020, 07:21:10] Simon Case: Dido just called. Grumbling about COVID O. Completely accepts latest commission is a good one around drop offs etc, but says her team can't do the work fast enough for weekly meetings. Would like next weeks meeting to slip one week, so that they will have done more actual work on it, rather than rushing straight into slide production for us. Thoughts?

[11/06/2020, 07:23:50] Tom Shinner: We've been v clear we don't want them to do any slides for us (and the friendly feedback should be that they keep producing too many slides and we keep telling them not to...!). Next week is just to walk through their pipeline slide, and discuss what they're doing to fix each stage of drop off.

PM. Expecting that won't be conclusive in 1 step. Nothing planned as yet thereafter - COVID S or PM COVID O or Cabinet. CDL pushing. TBD tomorrow

[29/10/2020, 20:32:48] Imran Shafi: Latest from comms team is they are anti a press conference tomorrow if we don't have the package ready (which can't imagine we will ...). But we could brief that we'll be coming forward with stuff on Monday to set expectations and also put a stake in the ground (Dom v worried about drift and doesn't want a week of meetings).

We should check w PM in morning how he wants to handle but think some combo of Ministers Saturday and Cabinet Sunday probably best way forward ahead of an announcement Monday

[29/10/2020, 20:44:04] Simon Ridley: Think Monday is fastest we can sensibly go. That relies on PM being ok tomorrow so we can do paper for key ministers overnight into Saturday.

Even if we had a package I don't think we can sensibly agree and bring key people/ cabinet with it for tomorrow.

[30/10/2020, 19:17:10] Simon Case: Dido has asked if we can do a big session on Liverpool mass testing on Sunday, not Saturday. [Name Redacted] and military need tomorrow to work up - and then they can bring to us on Sunday. That suits me fine. Hope that works for others

[30/10/2020, 21:29:39] [I&S] Just had de brief from [NR] on today's events 😞 really sorry I've been absent. Will join calls etc and catch up on drive back down tomorrow and come in Sunday.

Happy to pick up mass testing stuff on Sunday if helpful. [Irrelevant & Sensitive] have a think about how best you want to use me given [Personal Data]

[30/10/2020, 22:43:09] Imran Shafi: Some of you will already know. The PM is extremely agitated about the briefing following the meeting and thinks may need to announce tomorrow. Just FYI for now.

[30/10/2020, 22:43:32] James Bowler: Thanks Kate - mass testing link would be good. Let's discuss. Most TF focus on lockdown. PM also wants link to lower self isolation times - that's in train. Local / regional mass testing challenge due to meet Sunday. Not clear yet how much that will or should be part of any Monday announcement.

[30/10/2020, 22:44:26] Imran Shafi: If we do go ahead tomorrow, will need to ruthlessly prioritise between what definitely needs announcement as part of lockdown vs what is part of wider story

[30/10/2020, 22:44:54] Simon Ridley: Thanks Imran. Let's pick up in morning. The risk is gap between announcement and detailed guidance and definitely regs.

[30/10/2020, 23:03:17] Imran Shafi: Yes. It'd be a higher level message tomorrow. We need to bottom out what we'd need to give clear steer on - eg think we need to know NER position to see if stay at home is a credible top line. I think this is looking quite likely btw. 4pm tomorrow. Would need cabinet beforehand.

[30/10/2020, 23:04:20] Imran Shafi: Can we think thru what other decisions essential

[30/10/2020, 23:04:57] Simon Ridley: Ok. We will. presumably need key decisions note for pm in morning.

[30/10/2020, 23:06:02] Imran Shafi: Yep

[30/10/2020, 23:17:11] Imran Shafi: Hearing they want to do data briefing at 12
Cabinet call at 2
Press conference at 4

[30/10/2020, 23:17:57] Imran Shafi: From [NR] We need to see the data pack ASAP tomorrow I think and make sure we're all comfortable with it / forecasts as that will ultimately be what's put in public domain later in day

[31/10/2020, 20:04:39] Simon Case: A horrible week in the office. Terrible choices that you've helped Ministers manage. No joy possible in a grim job done well. But thank you for your professionalism and sheer bloody hard work. And, I know the job isn't done for a few more days yet. You are an outstanding bunch of public servants. We're bloody lucky to have you. Thank you

[01/11/2020, 09:45:12] Imran Shafi: Henry keen to get the spi-m modellers to publish some of the assumptions etc behind their curves. Catherine is speaking to Angela but have suggested she loop in with senior TF too - not sure who has the relationship w her (Simon R is it you?) but would be good to give Catherine a bit of support on it if poss

[01/11/2020, 09:47:29] [Irrelevant & Sensitive] is the right person for angela

[01/11/2020, 11:22:42] Simon Ridley: I'm doing this.

[02/11/2020, 06:19:02] Simon Case: I am not sure who in the TF now owns SAGE commissioning, but I

would be grateful if SAGE could produce for us some estimates/modelling on the non-Covid health and societal impacts of the November lockdown. In future, when they are producing modelling or estimates/advice on future Covid health, I would like us to insist that they produce assessments in their advice (equally evidenced) about the non-Covid consequences of acting as they advise. I think James is already onto HMT about producing material on the economic impact of measures (and of course, HMT/BEIS should be required to produce material on impact of not acting - and us facing "overwhelmed" NHS). I am keen that we break away from these silo'd arguments which are allowing depts/SAGE to talk to their own scripts rather than be forced to consider and own assessments of trade-offs across the piece. Ideally, before big decisions, we should have consensus statements (clearly displaying confidence levels in the assessments) of the pros and cons of each proposed course of action (acting or not acting etc).

[02/11/2020, 08:11:06] Simon Ridley: Emma and i spoke to sage secretariat folk last night. We are following up this week on what we need before end November. We will pick this up.

[04/11/2020, 09:04:27] [I&S] [NR] added Irrelevant & Sensitive

[04/11/2020, 09:04:39] [NR] Adding Conn - new TF CoS

[04/11/2020, 09:57:17] Simon Case: What is Covid update with boss at 1615

[04/11/2020, 10:15:21] Simon Ridley: Plan is to discuss the strategic aims and priority work we are doing to make sure we have a future without lockdowns and that gets beyond restrictive NPis.

Not decision making.

[04/11/2020, 16:34:33] [Irrelevant & Sensitive] [NR] removed Irrelevant & Sensitive

[04/11/2020, 18:37:37] Imran Shafi: Hi all, as mentioned to Simon/Kate, the PM is worked up about nosocomial infections because Hunt called him and told him it was about to explode. We've told him there was a covid o on it and gove will include details in his weekly update but worth whoever is at office meeting tomorrow morning being au fait with key points to land as he may raise it again

[04/11/2020, 19:19:53] Imran Shafi: Also PM doing a presser tomorrow at 5pm FYI. Think plan is to do with Simon S - with Simon using some of the material he had today

[04/11/2020, 19:36:28] James Bowler: Ok thanks - you could show him COVID o paper and actions or we will stand ready on them. It is an issue

[04/11/2020, 19:52:11] Imran Shafi: Thanks. Will get them printed -unlikely he'll have a chance to read pre-office meeting but can share after if still required

[05/11/2020, 11:19:18] Imran Shafi: Have pinged round some draft slides for the working lunch with PM that i had a go at writing - welcome any views by 1230. Apologies our No 10 IT is totally collapsing on us so let me know if not received and will bring hard copy over

[05/11/2020, 11:27:35] Simon Ridley: Thanks Imran. I haven't got them. I can pop over at 12.

[05/11/2020, 11:27:50] Simon Ridley: I have - ignore me. Sorry.

[08/11/2020, 07:54:47] Simon Case:

https://twitter.com/gabriel_poggrund/status/1325180546675322880?s=21

[08/11/2020, 07:55:01] Simon Case: Is this true?

[08/11/2020, 08:46:03] [NR] We're due the facts from beis this am asap

[08/11/2020, 08:46:10] [NR] PM has apparently asked

[08/11/2020, 08:46:17] Simon Case: He has

[08/11/2020, 08:46:40] Simon Case: I still haven't seen the facts from last week's ST article about Kate

[08/11/2020, 08:47:09] [NR] Ed's sorting this one - I'll check with him

[08/11/2020, 08:47:24] [NR] Will share details on this one shortly

[08/11/2020, 08:47:53] Simon Case: Thank you

[10/11/2020, 11:06:15] Imran Shafi: Can we get a view from cmo etc on how bad this UK mink thing is - how worried should we be? Simon R would that be you?

[10/11/2020, 11:07:09] Simon Ridley: Yes - that's me. Work going on more generally but following up the NE news.

[10/11/2020, 21:14:10] [NR]: We have our weekly catch up at 0815 tomorrow. I think it would be helpful to do so just checking ppl have clocked it given the time it's at.

[17/11/2020, 07:02:04] Simon Case: [Irrelevant & Sensitive] Would you mind if I had a session with Emma and Ollie to catch up on strategy today/tomorrow? I missed so much of last week because of the mad moving parts of No 10 so feel behind! Feel free to join, but equally, I can imagine you might have quite a few calls on your time right now!

[17/11/2020, 07:42:20] James Bowler: Yes good idea. We also proposed. In terms of getting support for our approach - given PM himself will be shaky - we have talked to CDL (ok but not passionate); MH who