

‘Cabinet Committee on Managed Quarantine Services and Mandatory Testing’ (COVID-O (Managed Quarantine))

Membership

Core

- The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (*chair*)
- The Secretary of State for Transport
- The Secretary of State for the Home Department
- The Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- The Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Additional attendees as necessary

- The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- The Secretary of State for Communities
- The Secretary of State for International Trade
- The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- The Secretary of State for Wales
- The Secretary of State for Scotland
- The Minister of State for Crime and Policing
- Paymaster General
- The First Minister of Scotland
- The First Minister of Wales
- The First Minister and deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care will be the single accountable Cabinet minister for the successful delivery of the newly-announced managed quarantine service, and for mandatory testing for all international arrivals to support genomic sequencing and surveillance, critical elements of our wider response at the border to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretariat Arrangements

The COVID-19 Taskforce in the Cabinet Office will work with the Department of Health and Social Care to provide secretariat support to the meeting, and coordinate agenda setting and forward look.

Frequency

The committee will meet as necessary while delivery of the elements within its scope are ongoing. Efforts should be made to avoid unnecessary escalation to the meetings, and some policy recommendations may be agreed by

correspondence.

Terms of reference

To shape and implement the delivery of managed quarantine services and the associated testing regime for international arrivals (which were agreed in principle at the COVID-O Cabinet Committee meeting on 26 January 2021). This work spans the responsibilities of multiple government departments and government agencies. The Committee will act as a sub-Committee of COVID-O, with decisions escalated as needed.

The committee will:

- define the preferred end to end operating model for managed quarantine and mandatory testing of international arrivals;
- produce, and subsequently monitor and assure, the cross-Government Integrated Delivery Plan for this new capability;
- determine the appropriate testing strategy to support surveillance for and identification of new variants that may be entering the UK;
- engage with key stakeholders and users across the entire system, and ensure coherent communication of the overall plan with stakeholders;
- work with others to manage and mitigate real-time issues once measures come into force and ensuring responsiveness to issues arising; and
- escalate decisions if they impact on the broader strategy for UK border measures, to the COVID-O Cabinet Committee.

The committee will not:

- consider wider strategy of HMG's approach to health measures at the border, or the countries to which they apply; or,
- consider policy issues pertaining to the border outside the immediate scope as set out above.

Terms of Reference for Publication

To consider matters related to the introduction and operation of managed quarantine services.