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Subject: PPE follow-up meeting - actions

Dear all

Please see the actions taken from the smaller PPE group catch up today.

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[NR]

From: [NR] (OFM - Cabinet Division)
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To: Lee Waters (Ministerial) <Lee.Waters@gov.wales>
Subject: FW: PPE follow-up meeting - actions

9/4/20 - Update note on actions

Latest follow-up in red font

1 *Additional resource needed for the Life Science Hub – they are being overwhelmed with enquiries and are struggling to cope with demand*

Three extra people in place helping, currently backlog of 1 day. Will keep under review and to come back if further resource required.

Outstanding action from Alan Brace to lead and report back on how more structure needed to systematically chase down leads that have been fed in, then source additional supplies from Welsh manufacturing.

No simple set of instruction on where to feed in leads and have them acknowledged. Need update from Alan Brace

2 *Need to capture the wider UK / 4 nations piece and ensure WG play a key and active role as part of our overall PPE strategy. Demand is outstripping supply and this will only increase.*

Number of meetings taking place this week on four-nation approach. Alan Brace leading. Big delivery drop of PPE supplies is due in coming days. Military involved in auditing stock in systems and co-ordinating supply.

Raised in UK General Public Sector Ministerial Implementation Group the need to clarify messaging which has resulted in English suppliers denying stock on the grounds its protected for NHS England. Position is that supplies are being consolidated into the UK supply chain and then back to Wales. Centralising PPE delivery and allocation is actually to our Wales' benefit rather than 3 smaller nations competing against one large one – this new system actually means we are getting more

Nick Batey and [NR] to discuss further to how address communications.

Officials raised with UK Gov this morning – need to get correct messages out so people know what the flow is, UK government sends messages through the UK supplier programme so suppliers give correct messages.

WG need to get messaging right – managing messages across non health care sectors across Wales. Nick and Andrew working on this

Officials have fed in to UK Government and lines being prepared by WG. Need to agree lines with Care forum Wales

3 *Need a Consolidated demand list*

Consolidated demand list received. James Davies and Dickie Davis will refine further in conjunction with Shared Services.

Understanding of immediate demand is much improved but position on likely future demand is too vague. Nick Batey and Dickie Davis to convene a meeting to match demand and supply in order to inform decisions to commission extra capacity (this should be informed by an understanding from business support of firms currently furloughed with potential capacity.

This only applied to the health and care sector. There's an urgent need to understand non health and care demand.

4 *Dedicated help needed to help alternative suppliers understand standards and reach validation*

NR Director of Surgical Material Testing Laboratory, scoping proposal for additional technical support. Dickie Davis exploring giving extra early support and advice to companies through the innovation team to understand and navigate the guidance, then look into providing more expertise later on in pipeline. (Postscript DD has written to CVO regarding the use of Veterinary labs and introduced CVO to **NR**)

Dickie has introduced **NR to Christianne Glossop Chief Veterinary Officer to see if we could provide support from specialists to help sift bids and whether there are laboratory specialists who may be able to help him more technically.**

Extra support for innovation team to do the initial sift – Still on going. Dickie will follow up.

5 *Co-ordination needed between local authority and shared services for both procurement and distribution for social care. Currently competing for supply, and Councils report amounts delivered to LAs not predictable or consistent. Stock not being released to local authorities and reserved for health.*

WLGA request as much notice in advance of scheduled deliveries of PPE.

Examples of Joint equipment stores holding stocks but partners / departments not aware of what is available raised in daily LG leaders call this morning. WLGA have asked for examples to be shared. All Local Authorities to check.

New consolidated demand list does cover private sector care homes. To improve communications between Shared Services, NPS and WLGA Jonathan Irvine or **NR to join the daily weekday call. Shared Services may need additional capacity to co-ordinate with local government**

Albert Heaney has written to LAs encouraging them to understand their stock levels in equipment stores and to provide aid to neighbouring authorities.

Nick Batey to share with WLGA on a daily basis list showing stock levels and burn rate, as well as providing examples of equipment stores holding stocks but partners / departments not aware to WLGA.

A representative from Shared Services joined the daily weekday call this morning with WLGA and NPS.

6 *Clear guidance for use of PPE in social care setting needed*

New guidance being issued on non-care use of PPE. As useage is being driven by current guidance, will be important in understanding/responding to wider public sector demand for PPE.

To ask Albert Heaney to have discussions with Social Care Wales and Care Forum Wales to ask for their help to ensure existing advice is understood.

Albert Heaney was due to meet with Social Care Wales and Care Forum Wales today at 13.30 – NR has asked for update

7 *Policy steer needed on whether we want to explore re-using some PPE kit*

Alan Brace to pick up with Chris Jones. James Davies to utilise CERET /NWSSP daily process to assess by Friday whether Route 1&2 is sustainable or if we need to rapidly ramp up investment in capacity to re-use existing PPE (Route 4) or manufacture from scratch (Route3)

Andrew Gwatkin to write to BEIS and HSE on potential work that they are doing on reuse/repurposing of PPE. (Postscript Andrew Gwatkin already written)

Andrew Gwatkin to link with UK Gov and BEIS to explore if they have developed ideas to re-use PPE kit. Waiting to hear if Alan Brace has followed by with Chris Jones.

DMfE&T has discussed with Minister for H&SS and Health SPAD putting further weight behind the Welsh CPAP design and manufacture. Claire Jenkins to discuss with James Davies (Industry Wales); Nick Batey will discuss further with Frank Atherton (CMO) and Dr Chris Jones (DCMO) and feed back.

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Clinical Waste Collection – Need to start thinking and preparing as there will be a great deal of clinical waste

Next steps

Full group to re-conference on Wednesday 15th April (sooner is necessary). Smaller group to meet every Tuesday and Thursday for 45 minutes, with a 15 follow-up at 5.30 every Friday until further notice. – Private Office to coordinate

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