

CNO FORUM MEETING
Friday 10 December 2021
12pm-12:45pm
MICROSOFT TEAMS

Attendees:

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Enabling Professionalism work update

CMA presented the “Enabling Professionalism 2022: CNO Communications Proposal”.

The paper shared with the group detailed a proposal for launching comms campaigns across all 4 nations on the International Day of the Nurse and International day of the Midwife in 2022.

Group noted that a unified 4 nation approach will be critical to the success of the campaign, and agreed to administer the proposed approach across all 4 nations.

4 country update - Scotland

Considerable challenges with the new covid VoC spreading across Scotland.

A study/evidence paper from Scotland indicate that the current wave of the pandemic could result in a 25-30% reduction in the health and social care workforce numbers.

There are staffing issues across the system; student deployment has been discussed.

Daily LFT testing guidance is being updated.

Action: AA to share the updated daily LFT guidance with this group

Action: AA to share Scotland evidence paper with this group

4 country update - England

Challenges across system, VoC now transmitting across England (3-4 days behind Scotland).

Discussions underway regarding approach to be taken in light of emerging information.

IPC Consensus Statement discussed at UK Senior Clinicians Meeting – supported by all nations, further engagement with stakeholders planned ahead of publication.

Action: Redacted s40(2) to share the letter from BAPIO re “Winter pressures, Omicron strain of Covid19 and Healthcare staff” with this group (actioned)

4 country update - Wales

System experiencing challenges with the new VoC with transmission rates growing (2 weeks behind Scotland).

Issues with planning mutual aid for some distant geographical location in North Wales - MACA being considered.

Concerns re stepping down elective activity and associated patient harm.

Based on the findings of the Scotland evidence paper, a peak in Wales could create considerable challenges to the health and social care system in Wales.

4 country update - Ireland

No indication of when incident level might be escalated.

As with other devolved nations, Delta variant is plateauing whilst Omicron is rising fast.

Vaccine programme progressing well, however, the rising demand is resulting in pressure to increase pace of delivery.

Reference to public resistance to restrictions and possibility of industrial action from various sectors.

No plans/discussions regarding student deployment; current approach in Ireland allows for students to work in vaccination centres.

Action: To facilitate a discussion between Redacted s40(2) and Chief Nurse Adult Social Care, DHSC, Redacted s40(2) to send Redacted s40(2) contact details to Redacted s40(2) (actioned)

Students

Redacted s40(2) shared that there is no appetite to deploy students to the front line.

Looking at alternatives/plan B; discussions with the Council of Deans ongoing.

Action: Redacted s40(2) to draft and provide a clear narrative on position re students with group

Returners

ST preparing a letter to returners, providing options of deployment across the system.

Action: ST to share letter with the group to consider a similar approach in other administrations

Stakeholder engagement

Ongoing discussions with the RCN, including conversations pertaining to IPC cell work.

Action: Redacted s40(2) to share relevant information with the group via Redacted s40(2)