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Dear Presiding Officer

UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS IN GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE HEALTH BOARD REGION

Further to my letter of 2 September 2020, I am writing to update you on the restrictions in the Greater Glasgow & Clyde (GG&C) Health Board region, following a National Incident Management Team (IMT) meeting yesterday, where the current picture in GG&C was reviewed.

As you will know, the rise in new COVID-19 cases within GG&C is of significant concern and we are at a stage of this pandemic where we must all act with extreme caution.

The IMT recommendations included that there should be an extension of the current GG&C Health Board region restrictions to include East Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire. Today the First Minister chaired a SGoRR meeting to consider the recommendations of the National Incident Management Team. Following that consideration the following was agreed:

From midnight tonight (Tuesday 8 September), the revised restrictions are:

- People in the Glasgow, East Renfrewshire, West Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire local authority areas should not meet with people from other households in indoor household settings.
- People from these areas should also not meet people in indoor household settings in other local authority areas.
- Members of different households can continue to meet outdoors, including in gardens, and in hospitality settings, provided all existing guidance is followed.

- Indoor visits to hospitals and care homes will be limited to essential visits only to protect the most vulnerable. Outdoor visits to care homes are permitted by three people from a maximum of two households, in line with current guidance.

The position remains under careful scrutiny by the National IMT who will continue to work with local partners to closely monitor the role of hospitality in this evolving situation.

Those households who have formed an extended household and people providing care and support – for example caring for an elderly family member or delivering shopping - can continue to meet indoors with enhanced hygiene measures in place.

Decisions to implement local restrictions are never taken lightly and are made with regard to the nature and extent of the public health risk with due consideration of the four harms as set out in our framework for decision making. The view of the Chief Medical Officer in relation this proposal is that it is proportionate, appropriate and necessary.

Officials are liaising with elected Council members and senior Council officials in East Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire.

The position in relation to Glasgow City, West Dunbartonshire & East Renfrewshire remains under careful scrutiny by the National IMT and, the ongoing justification for restrictions kept is under review throughout, with no different recommendations being made at present. As mentioned a meeting of SGoRR on the interim review of the restrictions for Glasgow City, West Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire took place this afternoon, with restrictions to continue for at least a further seven days.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Convenors of the COVID-19 Committee and the Health and Sport Committee.

Yours sincerely

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