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To: [Lee Bridges](#)
Subject: RE: Publication
Date: 18 October 2021 10:15:00
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Looks good – I wonder if ‘as required by the PSA’ makes it sound a bit like it’s the legislation’s (and therefore MPs’) fault – the Act requires us to publish in accordance with a policy which we are responsible for writing. It requires transparency but doesn’t specify how to achieve it.

We may need to say ‘removing’ as opposed to ‘removed’ in the last sentence, depending on when we take the decision and how quickl [REDACTED] an implement!

Shall we see what Richard thinks – I’d share your list with him at the same time...

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Thanks – we can confirm with RL later but he was happy to leave it with us over the weekend so I would say the decision to postpone November publication has just been made by you and me!

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Thanks, given that I have to amend the paper anyway it would be good to reflect the decisions taken (we can confirm the NI/venue thing with the Board as we won't have published anything by 27th anyway). If we can decide to postpone November publications today that would mean that we can implement all of the changes – these and those in the paper – once the Board has considered and at a sensible pace and make sure they are right. This also means that R can demonstrate that we get it and are taking stock (and remove that particular issue from the 22 on Wednesday!)

From: Ian Todd [REDACTED]
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To: Lee Bridges [REDACTED]
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Thanks Lee – I broadly agree although I doubt the police will be particularly helpful in this area unless we can get someone like PLAIT properly engaged. If they do not meaningfully engage or there is a delay then I think the proposal that we adopt the NI model of aggregate data only for travel should be our interim default and then there are decisions on things like venue invoices which, if used regularly, might also need limiting – we could publish claim for ‘surgery venue’ but would then refuse the actual receipt under FOI on security grounds, hopefully breaking the back of the 2015 CofA judgment.

Given how much the prior data has already been used by others we should think whether removing it temporarily adds value – I am minded to say yes more as a reassurance measure than anything else. It may require a large amount of work to republish in a different format and we may want to think, in slow time, about how far we go back and do this although if the NI algorithm exists (rather than being manual) that might assist.

I think we ignore the need to consult at this stage. Make any immediate necessary changes then consider the publication policy afresh, for the remainder of the Scheme in its current format and operating model, and consult on that once only. If we could do that in time for the new financial year then that would be good.

We also need to decide how to play the Board – are we proceeding with the current paper (which is clearly out of date but due for circulation tomorrow) and updating verbally, looking to amend the pack or maybe add some slides with the bigger overarching decisions, although most will have been implemented already under Chair’s action but with a need to ratify.

Hope that helps and happy to discuss.

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Morning Boss

Have been thinking about publication, not just in the context of Friday but also the discussion we had with Richard on Thursday. Where I am getting to is:

- We postpone the annual publication and bimonthly publication due on 18 November
- As in our publication policy, we ask the police etc to review what we publish in light of whatever comes out of the joint security taskforce
- Richard writes to all MPs to announce this, offer condolences, commits to our ongoing collaboration on their security etc (I suggest after the debates this afternoon in case anything IPSA related comes out of it)
- We remove access to the old stuff temporarily
- We consider whether to not publish anything until we are in a position (February?) to consult on all the changes that are currently in the Board paper and the security related ones, and then restart regular publication in April OR we do some tweaks and publish in January etc (I don't think the latter makes much sense tbh)
- No data that should be published will not be published eventually, just in a timeframe that allows us to get things right

I haven't spoken to Richard about this yet, but wanted to test your thoughts first. The second 'check your data' email is due to go out on Thursday – I have stopped that whatever the decision, this is going to be a febrile week politically and it won't help!

Depending on your/Richard's views it would be good if we could discuss (and hopefully agree) at ELT later this morning

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