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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 August 2021 16:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: ME/CFS guideline - steer from [REDACTED] and next steps
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

I've fed back to [REDACTED] on our conversation earlier.

[REDACTED] didn't realise the guideline is due to publish on Wednesday, so the first ask is can we please delay the publication slightly to enable us to get the briefing to Ministers and give them time to review it. [REDACTED] also feels it would be better to publish after the methods review consultation anyway, given the high profile of that publication.

With regards to how to best progress with this guideline, [REDACTED] has stressed that this is a decision for NICE and not one for DHSC. Therefore the note to Ministers should focus on why the guideline is controversial and the likely consequence of which ever option you have chosen to go ahead with. I'm very sorry that my suggestion to include the different options was the wrong one.

In terms of practicalities of sharing with Ministers, I will draft a short covering submission setting out that NICE plans to publish on X date, details of any comms activity, and then attach your briefing to set out the issue in more detail.

I'd therefore be very grateful if you could please -

- Confirm how you will be proceeding with the guideline and the new date for publication (if you go ahead with the publication)
- Advise when you will be able to share the briefing note for ministers so that I can liaise with Lord Bethell's private office

Hope this is all clear, but very happy to chat again if that would be helpful.

Best wishes,

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