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Subject: RE: LIST D SCHOOLS

Martin
David

We discussed, in Gerald's absence. I appreciate the concerns about proactive media work, and about the need to say as much as possible about the support that will be given to victims.

Media Work

Officials or Ministers could brief the Sunday Mail for next Sunday and then send the letters early next week. Presumably this approach means we cannot contact third parties before next Monday, including victims representatives. There is a risk that this will lead to the Petitions Committee being very critical this week, the Sunday Mail being negative next week whatever we say, and the victims complaining that the press were told before they were. I think these are real risks that need to be balanced against the risk of the Sunday Mail being more negative if they do not get privileged information this week.

Victim Support

I understand from HD that the working group on adult survivors had its final meeting last week, but that the final version of their report has not yet been prepared for discussion with Ministers. I will discuss with HD colleagues whether there is anything we can say at this stage to add to the very positive, but still rather general, commitment given in the draft letters. I would, however, be wary of delaying issue of the List D letters until the working group report has been finalised and action agreed by HD Ministers, unless that work can all be completed and the letters issued before recess. (Relevant HD colleagues are not available this morning -- but I will speak to them as soon as possible).

would be grateful if Peter Peacock could confirm how he wants this taken forward.

Colin

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