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**Document 1 – Email: RE: Covid briefing today - EURO 2020**

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**Subject:** RE: Covid briefing today - EURO 2020

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)],

See below in red.

John

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Thanks [redacted s38(1)(b)]

I had a chat with the LOS Project Lead earlier - we were considering the what ifs around Levels and dates for review.

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1. Stadium – could we see a scenario (if UEFA agree) where one of the earlier games is behind closed doors / reduced capacity for Glasgow residents only. The four EURO 2020 Group D ties taking place at Hampden are: 14 June – Scotland v Czech Republic; 18 June – Croatia v Czech Republic; 22 June – Croatia v Scotland; and 29 June – Round of 16 tie.

[redacted s38(1)(b)] on leave today, but had pulled together this table below – interested to take clinical views on what's appropriate?:

- [redacted – not in scope] **Level 2** – 23% attendance as agreed by Ministers at stadium. [redacted – not in scope]

–[redacted – not in scope]

Thanks, [redacted s38(1)(b)]

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I'm content with these.

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**Subject:** FW: Covid briefing today - EURO 2020

Morning John.

[redacted – not in scope]

Thanks, [redacted s38(1)(b)]

The Scottish Government is working closely with event organisers on preparations for EURO 2020 and remain committed to hosting four matches at Hampden Park this summer.

1.

Event planning will continually be assessed and reviewed before and during the tournament, taking into account the latest scientific evidence and the Level that Glasgow is in.

The matches - and any wider organised activity in the city - will be subject to the necessary public health measures to ensure that fans can attend safely. If there are concerns about the safe delivery of any of this, then it may be necessary to review

these plans – however, at this stage, we are continuing to plan for a tournament which, for many, will be one of the highlights of the year.

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**Subject:** Covid briefing today - EURO 2020

Hi[redacted s38(1)(b)],

I understand sports journalists have requested to attend today's FM briefing at 1215. Flagging to ensure the briefing unit have to relevant info around Glasgow and the EUROS (both in terms of the levels impact on matches and the fan zone).

Best,

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## Document 2 – Email: RE: Euros at Hampden

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

Mandy

I've forwarded you the invite to the gateway meeting later this am so you can contribute to that discussion with all partners.

I don't think it is operationally deliverable to move to 2ms for spectators at the stadium now – so if Glasgow drops to level 2 before the tournament Ministers will be deciding between fans or no fans (with the chance UEFA will then move the matches from Hampden completely). If Glasgow remains in level 3 I think we're pretty clear fans wouldn't be permitted to attend.

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

I know, that's what was agreed but things have changed since that decision was made and this needs to be revisited in that context I'm afraid

FM had committed to publishing a review of physical distancing by 7 June. She is now going to say that things are too uncertain to do that and that is going to be very disappointing to a lot of people. Add in the context in Glasgow and it becomes very difficult to change PD for the Euros

### Amanda Gordon

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

Mandy

The First Minister agreed to reduced physical distancing at Hampden for spectators and in some back of house areas. As you know there are long lead in times for events so this was agreed a number of months ago. This is permitted as part of the gateway process if agreed by Ministers.

[redacted – not in scope]

We are keeping the situation under review given current case rates in Glasgow through the gateway process and providing updates to Ministers (and seeking further decisions as required). SG clinicians, local public health and LA are involved in this.

Let us know if you have any queries having considered the submissions.

Kind regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

Hi,

[redacted – not in scope]

Thanks

Mandy

**Amanda Gordon**

Deputy Director Local Interventions, Outbreak Management

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[redacted – not in scope]

Thanks,

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**From:** [redacted s38(1)(b)] @gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)]

No to both at this moment – but recognising that these are points that could yet be further considered, subject to Local Organising Structure discussions with UEFA re the event format in Scotland. There is a Local Organising Committee Board meeting tomorrow which [redacted s38(1)(b)] will be attending – we will update asap re next steps with the Level 3 context.

Thanks,[redacted s38(1)(b)] .

**From:** [redacted s38(1)(b)] @gov.scot>

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

[redacted s38(1)(b)] ,

Two UEFA queries have been raised with me by the current SGLD rota team:-

[redacted – not in scope]

[redacted – not in scope]

*I am currently working from home and am contactable on 07 [redacted s38(1)(b)]*

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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

Thanks [redacted s38(1)(b)] , and good to know you are working on the Levels regs going forward.

[redacted s38(1)(b)] – also thanks, shall keep you posted.

[redacted s38(1)(b)]

**From:** [redacted s38(1)(b)] @gov.scot>  
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[redacted s38(1)(b)]  
Thank you for sending that on, I was going mad looking for an email from [redacted s38(1)(b)] which I was never going to find!

[redacted – not in scope] if you are able to provide a steer by COP on Thursday then we can pick up with [redacted s38(1)(b)] and others after the bank holiday weekend.

With any luck, Glasgow will be down to Level 2 or below by mid-June but it is good to be prepared if that is not going to be the reality.



Thanks again,  
[redacted s38(1)(b)]  
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**Subject:** RE: Euros at Hampden

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)]  
See attached from me.

[redacted – not in scope]  
Happy to discuss.

Thanks,[redacted s38(1)(b)] .

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**Subject:** Euros at Hampden

Hi[redacted s38(1)(b)] ,

[redacted – not in scope]

Thanks,  
[redacted s38(1)(b)]  
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## Document 3 – Submission to First Minister – EURO2020 Levels

From:  
Major Events Policy

4 June 2021

First Minister

### UEFA EURO 2020

#### Purpose

1. To ask that you are content with the latest operational plans for UEFA EURO 2020 following a Flagship event gateway meeting between event partners and the Scottish Government on Tuesday, 1 June. This submission sets out the case; includes advice on additional requests from UEFA for Hampden Park; and sets out options should the Level that Glasgow is in change before or during the tournament.

[redacted – not in scope]

#### Background

[redacted – not in scope]

2. On 5 April, you approved stadium capacity of up to 25% for the four EURO 2020 matches at Hampden Park, including reduced physical distancing in some areas of the seating bowl and reduced physical distancing in 'back of house' areas at the stadium for operational staff where 2ms was not possible – again, on the basis that the Scottish Government can reverse any decision to permit attendance before or during EURO 2020.

[redacted – not in scope]

#### Levels Framework Scenarios

3. Officials have been discussing a range of scenarios in relation to the levels with stakeholders. If Glasgow drops down to levels 0 or 1, the Fan Zone and stadium offering would proceed as previously agreed by Ministers (at the time of initial approval it had been expected Glasgow would be in level 1 by the time the tournament began).
4. **Following discussions at the gateway meeting earlier in the week and subsequent discussions with Scottish Government clinicians and 4 harms assessment process, we recommend that the stadium and Fan Zone are permitted to proceed as planned in level 2.** The 4 harms assessments for both the Fan Zone and Hampden matches are attached at **Annex A**. [redacted – not in scope]

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5. **redacted – not in scope]**

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[redacted – not in scope]

**Communications**

6. It has already been announced by the Local Organising Structure (LOS) that Hampden Park will be able to host its four EURO 2020 matches with a maximum 25% capacity (approximately 12,000) and a Fan Zone accommodating up to 6,000 people per day (over two sessions) will be created at Glasgow Green. It was made clear that attendance to both venues was contingent on continued progress with reducing the prevalence of the virus and the roll-out of the vaccination programme.
7. If there are changes to spectator attendance at the stadium and Fan Zone as planned while Glasgow is in levels 0,1 or 2, there is likely to be significant media interest and Scottish Government communications will work with the LOS communication group to agree communications handling.

**Recommendation**

8. You are asked to agree:
  - spectator attendance at the stadium and Fan Zone as planned (including previously agreed reductions in physical distancing) while Glasgow is in levels 0, 1 or 2.

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