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Please find attached the copy of the aide memoire commented on by ODI. It appears that the paper that came to the Minister has not responded to the feedback provided. The paper arrived for comment at 10.18, asking for feedback by 11.30. ODI provided the feedback in the email below by 11.55.

It is acknowledged that the aide memoire received by the Minister's Office is slightly different to the one commented on by ODI but it seems that the comments made by ODI either were not able to be considered as they were too late or have not been considered for other reasons.

I note that in the information in the paper provided to the Minister on mask exemptions it says that mask exemptions are only provided through the Disabled Persons Assembly. This information was not in the paper reviewed by ODI. The information provided to the Minister "that it is only possible to get exemptions through the Disabled Persons Assembly" is factually incorrect.

Overall the paper lacks detailed information in response to the questions raised by the Minister's office. For example there seems to be a focus in the section on the traffic light systems on disabled people in residential services - ODI is unsure why advice has been confined to this cohort of disabled people when the Minister's Office is seeking information on the disabled people in general.. ODI did ask why the aide memoire is focussed on people in residential services. ODI thinks that the MoH has not understood the questions raised by the Minister's Office.

There are no time frames provided in the paper on when work will be progressed and no evidence that there will be data provided on disabled people who are being provided "Care in the Community" services.

ODI did get the opportunity to provide further feedback on the Care in the Community section of the paper as that section was provided after midday. ODI feedback was that there is a need to provide metrics on disabled people accessing Care in the Community services. MoH officials noted in response to ODI feedback that they agreed that it would be important for the metrics on Care in the Community to be disaggregated by disability - however that does not appear to be any commitment to this in the aide memoire received by the Minister's Office.

In essence ODI's feedback is that the aide memoire reviewed by ODI lacked the information that the Minister for Disability Issues was seeking when the aide memoire was commissioned and that feedback provided by ODI on the aide memoire at short notice and detailed in the email below does not appear to have been included in the final draft of the aide memoire.

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someone mis-interpreted the word "accommodations" ?

This section also comments on the Equity Impact Assessment but doesn't detail how the use of this tool has provided insights on what disabled people, their family/whanau will require, nor does it indicate who from the disability community – disabled people, their family/whanau have been involved in the Equity Impact Assessment.

2. Omicron Planning – based on the response to this question, which focuses on RATs there appears to be little consideration of disabled people and how disabled people or service providers may access RATs.
3. Detailed communications to the disability community about:
 - a. Disability Directorate Work - this focuses on some communications to disability providers – has there been any communications with disabled people
 - b. Face Mask Exemption - a paper has already been provided to the Minister for Health and Minister for Disability Issues on this – it might be helpful to reference the paper and the advice provided.
4. Care in the Community ^{Out of scope} **to provide** – Looking forward to information on how the Care in the Community will identify how many disabled people are in self isolation or getting care in the community and how real time monitoring might identify emerging risks and opportunities for improvement. Will there be metrics on other population groups? It is important have this information for disabled people.
 - a. What data is /will be collected about disabled people isolating in the community.
 - b. Will the metrics be disaggregated for disabled people?
 - c. Care pathway/journey for self-isolating disabled people
 - d. Options for regular reporting to the Minister for Disability Issues (copied to the Minister of Health)
5. Appendices - the appendices appear to have little relevance to the report or the questions asked.

Regards

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