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Sent: 19 July 2018 09:06
To: Robert Core; Joyce Holman; Paul Davies; Frank Donachie; Tom Murawicki; Martin Hambidge; Annie Webber; Ian James
Subject: RE: Grounds Maintenance

Hi All

Yes, I checked with the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Cell previously and they confirm that our RA, SSoW and existing PPE was sufficient.

Apologies for not disseminating this outcome to everyone.

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A useful update below regarding any perceived risks of Novichok in Swindon. Worth noting that the vehicles taken from Swindon were response vehicles used in the investigation and removed as a precaution, there is no indication that they retained any elements of the virus. RC

From: Alistair Ireland
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Hi Rob,

It is a really good question, and one which has come up already regarding the Council employees in the Street Cleansing Team.

The key consideration is that the PHE public advice is intended for the general public in the Salisbury and Amesbury areas. The advice for those areas is "As a precaution we still advise the public not to pick up any strange items such as needles, syringes or unusual containers." Based on current intelligence the risk outside Salisbury and Amesbury is very low.

As a point of clarity, Novichok is not volatile and exposure is from contact with skin or mucosal membranes, rather than inhalation.

The standard health and safety policies and procedures of the staff operating in the Swindon Borough Council area should continue to be followed, including use of the standard personal protective equipment used for their line of work in line with local risk assessments, such as this one "For example our risk assessment identifies the use of PPE such as gloves and ballistic trousers and to collect needles and other similar items using a litter picker and not their hands".

If you wish any assistance with the cascading of the information, please let me know.

Very Kindest Regards

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