

# Deceased Management Advisory Group

## UPDATE 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

The members of DMAG held a video conference on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at which the following items were discussed.

### 1. PPE

The statistical modelling which has been promised by government is vital in order to identify the amount of PPE required. An order for PPE has been submitted to the DHSC for England and Wales. Members are liaising with Scottish Government on the amount of PPE required by funeral directing and crematoria/burial staff in Scotland

### 2. Mourners Attendance on Funerals

It was recognised that the number of mourners allowed to attend on funerals varied throughout the UK. Whilst some crematoria allowed no mourners, others limited attendees to a variety of numbers and many followed the advice already given by DMAG, in line with that coming from government that it should be immediate/close relatives only. It was decided to keep the current guidance under review.

### 3. CMA

The Competition and Markets Authority had announced that they would be delaying the consultation period and issuing papers. In view of the huge disruption and possible significant changes to the funeral sector it was agreed that the CMA should consider reviewing the future of the current review.

### 4. Scottish RRP

Multi-agency co-ordination in Scotland is based on three Regional Resilience Partnerships (RRPs - North, East and West) which are broken down into 12 Local Resilience Partnerships (LRPs). A representative had reached out to the DMAG, seeking to understand the current position of funerals, burials and cremations in Scotland and offering support to ensure the continuing effective operation of the service. The contact was welcomed and it was agreed by all the representatives that apart from the current issues surrounding PPE, there were no other problem's impacting the delivery of the service.



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## 5. DMAG website

The DMAG has developed a website to help reinforce the one message from the allied organisations and provide a central resource for information to the funeral and burial/cremation sectors. The website can be viewed at <http://www.dmag2020.org/>

## 6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

3pm 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020



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