

Deceased Management Advisory Group

UPDATE 6th April 2020

The members of DMAG held a video conference, including representatives from the Ministry of Justice, with Judith Bernstein and Dominic Lake (deputy lead of MOJ).

1. Catch Up

- Closure of Cemeteries: (JB) advised MHGLC have this in hand.
JD advised that Wales had reversed decision on cemetery grounds closure.
- PPE: Jane Crossley joining the call tomorrow to update DMAG.
- Attendance at Funerals: document agreed, but will be updated following Wales cemetery information **(ALL)**
- Proposals for reporting FD storage capacity & timeless: **(JL & TT)** Agreed to measure twice per week across FD premises in London, Birmingham, Cardiff, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and Edinburgh (x20 IFDs each). Plus Dignity and Co-op Funeralcare to report directly to the Cabinet Office and LRF's.
-Once FDs identified **TT, JL, BD, JD, and RB telcon** to match crematoria to FD locations for co-ordinated measuring to CO.
-To include monitor minimum staff numbers to function in funeral homes.
- CO asked for input on funeral gatherings: DMAG support that funeral arranger co-ordinates with families to advise invites.
-**TT advise CO** of request for definition of a close relative & chosen closest friends for FDs
-Numbers determined on locally risk based decision.

2. MoJ Matters

Agenda this as first item **(BD)**.

DL advises that important decisions by ministers forthcoming and enquired about financial resilience of funeral sector.

3. Financial Support for the sector & 6. Data Collection & Research

RB introduced about credit flexibility and agencies for the sector.

JL explore suppliers/bank contacts.

Discuss further 7 April.

4. PMART

JD and TT expressed concern on the care of the deceased and reports.

Why has PMART been actioned so soon?

Chair raise with Jane Crossley 7 April



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5. Items for the CO/ScotGov

TT to invite the Welsh Gov to DMAG conference call.

6. See item 3

7. AOB

-(MD) Table Debbie Kerslake paper 7 April for discussion

-(AT) Communications monitoring

-(BD) ATI France liaising with ATI cremator companies in the UK

-(JD) Chair 7 April DMAG meeting



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