

# Deceased Management

## Advisory Group

UPDATE 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020

The members of DMAG held a video conference on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, with a representative from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) present for the open part of the meeting. The FBCA chaired the meeting.

### 1. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE UPDATE

MoJ had nothing to report.

The SAIF referred to the announcement that churches would open from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 being a surprise. The MoJ representative agreed to contact DHCLG and ask for a representative from the Places of Worship task Force to attend DMAG to discuss the matter.

NAFD asked if those travelling from overseas to attend a funeral would be exempt from the Government's quarantine restrictions. The MoJ representative agreed to seek confirmation if any such exemption existed and would report back to DMAG.

### 2. REOPENING OF CHURCHES

The announcement from the Church of England that their places of worship would reopen from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 could cause disruption to funerals. As the final decision whether to open would be left to individual churches, families may wish to amend existing arrangements to hold services at churches which have opened causing disruption.

It was decided to raise the issue with the representative of the Places of Worship Task Force when they attended DMAG meeting.

## DMAG CLOSED MEETING

### 1. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS WITH CABINET OFFICE / DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS

DMAG discussed the list of items previously presented to the Cabinet Office and agreed these items should be re-tabled.



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In addition, it was agreed to seek clarification from the Cabinet Office on:

- If there was any available insight into the possibility of a second wave
- If guidance would be produced for the sector in connection with Track and Trace
- How any second wave would be identified if it occurred regionally.

## 2. CMA

The APCC had previously circulated a draft letter to be sent to the CMA providing them with a heads up to the current financial and operational difficulties being experienced by funeral directors. The draft letter was agreed with addition of an explanation of the existence and role of DMAG. It was also agreed that the APCC would produce a similar letter relation to the cremation sector.



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