

Deceased Management Advisory Group

Update 3rd September 2020

The members of DMAG held a video conference on 3rd September 2020, with two representatives from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), present for the open part of the meeting. CSGB chaired the meeting.

DMAG Wider Consultation

1. Ministry of Justice update.

There had been an issue raised at the CO meeting this morning regarding the advice of attendance at funerals and weddings. Guidance will be revised so that there will be consistency on all levels – hopefully this will clarify the limit of 30 attendees and confirm the Social Distance Guidelines. Concern was expressed that, in some instances, family members are posting funeral notices on Social Media without the FD being aware! The representatives from NAFD and SAIF stated that they will stress to their members that funeral attendees are by invitation only. It was expressed that there should be a clear message from Government stating that funeral attendance MUST be limited.

MOJ is still seeking clarification on singing at funerals and will get back to us as soon as there is any more information. They also reported that they were still waiting for more detail from GRO regarding their updated guidance.

APCC asked if there was any further news re BCAG. Nothing to report as yet.

It was noted that this was the last DMAG meeting that Glenn Palmer would attend and our collective thanks and best wishes were given to Glenn. We wish him well in his new role within MOJ.

DMAG closed meeting

1. Notes from previous meeting.

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed, and these can now be placed on the DMAG website.



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2. Items for future meetings with Cabinet Office/Devolved Governments.

It had been noted again within the group the inconsistency of LRF's throughout the country and we had heard that there will be a meeting held between CO and LRF's sometime in the near future. It is hoped that there will be a discussion around what did and did not work well and that any "best practice" tips will be shared – especially around the issue of PPE.

3. CMA

An email has been drafted by APCC on behalf of DMAG. Any amendments to be sent to RB by first thing Friday morning so that the email can be sent to CMA before the weekend. It was noted that CMA plan to hold no further hearings!

4. AOB Round Robin.

Nothing to report.

ICCM to chair the next meeting – Monday 7 September 2020.

