

Deceased Management Advisory Group

Update 19th October 2020

The members of DMAG held a video conference on 19th October, with a representative from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), Scottish Government (SG) and JBP Associates. FBCA chaired the meeting.

DMAG Wider Consultation

1. Ministry of Justice update (MoJ)

The MoJ representative thanked DMAG members for providing information on the preparations being made by funeral directors and Burial/Cremation Authorities to deliver services through the Christmas and New Year holiday periods.

It was confirmed that the MoJ would respond later on possible PPE hotspots across the English regions and what that could look like.

The MoJ representative would check if it is a requirement that cremation Form 4 must be sent electronically.

2. Scottish Government update (SG)

It was reported that the Scottish Government would be reconsidering the level of restrictions later in the week and DMAG would be kept advised.

Cremation Authorities had been requested by Scottish Government not to use speakers outside of the chapel. The number of attendees on funerals is limited and there was a concern that relaying the service through speakers could encourage larger groups to attend.

3. All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)

A representative of JBP Associates provided further details and clarifications to their proposals for the APPG, previously discussed by DMAG on 24th September. The proposals were welcomed by DMAG members, subject to approval from their respective management boards and final confirmation of costings.



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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.

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

It was agreed that the current list of items should be raised.

In addition, it was agreed that in view of the changes taking place to regulations in Wales and Northern Ireland, representatives from the Northern Ireland Government and Senedd Cymru should be invited to the next meeting.

3. CMA

The APCC representative had held a positive meeting with the CMA. It was felt that the CMA would welcome the sector developing a unified monitoring protocol to provide the information their final report is likely to require.

The APCC would initially discuss developing a monitoring protocol with funeral director representatives.

4. AOB round Robin

The ICCM representative asked the meeting if it was the intention to share the table illustrating the restrictions in force across the UK, produced by the Cabinet Office, with members. It was agreed that due to the possible changes taking place in Wales and Northern Ireland it may rapidly become inaccurate. Therefore, DMAG members would not circulate the table at this time.

The Cremation Society will chair the next meeting on Thursday 22nd October.

