

Deceased Management Advisory Group

Update 14th December 2020

The members of DMAG held a video conference on the 14th December, with representatives from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) the Scottish Government (SG) present for the 'Open' part of the meeting. Apologies were received from the NAFD. ICCM chaired the meeting.

DMAG Wider Consultation

1. Ministry of Justice (MOJ) Update.

The MoJ reported that it is not expected that the guidance on funerals will change with a reconsideration of the Tiers in England.

2. Scottish Government (SG)

The SG had nothing further to report following the last DMAG meeting.

DMAG Closed Meeting

1. Notes from previous meeting.

These were agreed and will be placed on the DMAG website.

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

The APCC asked if the CO could be asked about current trends with the virus, eg that 11-19 year old seem to be increasingly infected, and what is being done about this? NAFD will be asked to include this on the list of questions for this week's CO meeting.

3. APPG strategy meeting debrief

DMAG members expressed some concern about the time frame for the proposed initial actions and felt that this may be ambitious in light of Brexit and a potential third wave of the coronavirus. DMAG are concerned that their issues may become 'lost in the noise'. This issue will be reconsidered once the questions have been received from JBP Associates.



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DMAG felt the proposal from the FFMA regarding a hierarchy of what is involved with a funeral is worth pursuing. FFMA will make some initial notes and DMAG will discuss further at a future meeting.

4. AOB Round Robin

SAIF informed DMAG that one of their members had been booked in for a chest x-ray, but that this was cancelled when the hospital found out that the person was a funeral director, as they were considered a high risk for Covid-19. SAIF will raise this with DoH.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th December. NAFD will chair.

