

Deceased Management Advisory Group

Update 3rd August 2021

The members of DMAG held a video conference on 3rd August 2021, with a representative from the Scottish Government (SG). The Ministry of Justice, Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Government tendered their apologies.

1. SG Update

An announcement from The First Minister is expected later this day regarding how Scotland moves beyond Level 0 and this could have an impact on gatherings.

DMAG were invited to send a representative to a Bereavement Network Group meeting on 9th September. DMAG are grateful for the invitation and will consider following the receipt of further information.

DMAG Closed Meeting

1. Notes from previous meeting.

These were approved for publication.

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

NAFD reported there is some confusion around the matter of exemptions to self isolation and subsequent guidance particularly with regard to who can attend funerals.

The early message from the Cabinet Office was that only 15% of the exemption applications had been approved.

It was confirmed that exemption applications may not be made in advance.

3. CMA Regulation

Both NAFD & SAIF commented that there are many questions/issues raised by their members still to be answered by the CMA. Funeral Directors are encouraged to write directly to funerals@cma.gov.uk



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4. AOB Round robin

The NAFD commented that they are continuing their work to co-ordinate a DMAG response to the National Resilience Strategy Consultation.

APCC again raised the matter of the CMA being invited to attend a future DMAG meeting.

NAFD confirmed that the CMA will not move away from their planned time frame.

5. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th August with the APCC in the Chair.

The meeting will be held from 12.15pm – 1.15pm

FFMA tender their apologies.



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