

Deceased Management Advisory Group

Update 27 July 2021

The members of DMAG held a video conference on 27 July 2021, with representatives from the Scottish Government (SG), and Welsh Government (SC).

1. SG Update

1,000 plus Covid infections reported. On the 9th August 2021 the ScotGov will review the level 0 status and consider changes to the restrictions.

The APPC asked for the SG response to the self-isolation criteria and were advised SG were collaborating with SAIF on gathering research data on the impact of self-isolation rules if Funeral Directors were alerted by the NHS application. A time limited exemption was being considered for the funeral sector.

2. SC update

SC advised that confidential draft guidelines were circulated to DMAG members for their review with responses by end of Wednesday 28th July.

A review of measures are being considered for 7th August with 'action phases' for implementation.

Local Authority crematoria and cemeteries were reviewing their mourner number limits and seating plans according to Article 8 of the European Human Rights Act.

The SC were concerned how any new rules of self-isolation methods would work across borders with different approaches across the four nations.

DMAG Closed Meeting

1. Notes from previous meeting.

These were approved for publication with agreed redactions.

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

There are serious concerns about the approach taken by the CO for managing the self-isolation exemptions in England. The APCC were concerned about the time it would take for a decision by the CO taken on a case by case approach. The NAFD added that with a



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small team at the Cabinet Office, they would take a triaging approach to self-isolation competing against other CO responsibilities.

The APCC would like the CMA invited to join DMAG in respect to the Legal Order. This would be on the agenda next week.

3. AOB Round robin

The NAFD commented that they would co-ordinate a DMAG response to the National Resilience Strategy consultation by the 27th September which will feed into the CCA Act review in March 2022.

4. Date of next meeting

12.15-13.15, Tuesday 3rd August with the FFMA in the Chair.



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