

Deceased Management Advisory Group

Video Conference Meeting 4 November 2021

The members of DMAG held a video conference on 4 November 2021, with representatives from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ); Scottish Government (SG); Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Government (NI) present for the 'Open' part of the meeting. Apologies from the FBCA and APCC. SAIF chaired the meeting.

DMAG Wider Consultation

1. The Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

The MOJ remarked that they have replied to the enquiry about the next meeting of the BCAG.

The NAFD commented on the voluntary codes of the two trade bodies and Scottish Government code, and the need to embed these and ensure complaints handling regimes. The MOJ advised it was working with all involved in the sector ensuring common standards and consumer protection.

2. Scottish Government (SG)

There was not much to report from SG, except that the SG welcomed support from DMAG members to ensure compliance to the safeguarding directives for being Covid-safe.

3. Wales (SC)

The Senedd is continuing the policy of face coverings in community spaces as a precaution which is to be reviewed in three weeks' time.

4. Northern Ireland (NI)

Face coverings are mandatory still indoors in public settings. There is a general lack of public compliance to this.

A deceased with Covid-19 is still not permitted for a home viewing/funeral service. Hospital bed capacity in NI is at 109%.



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1. Notes from previous meeting.

The two previous meeting notes were agreed.

2. AOB

The NAFD advised that from 11th November DHSC will permit self-certification of a Covid Pass for funeral directors removing deceased from a Care Homes. However, from 24th December there would be an process implemented by the DHSC.

The next DMAG meeting would occur after the next scheduled Cabinet Office meeting.



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