

FOI

Request:

To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would like to request the following:

*-All correspondence between the Scottish Government and Health Protection Scotland on the issue of care home guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic.**
This should include all emails, letters and call logs - as well as attached documents.*

***I am seeking this information in relation to the 'Information and guidance of care home settings' document – last updates on June 15th, 2020.*

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2. (Page 19-21) Call Log notes from daily 10.15am SG & HPS calls which relate to the FOI request (please note, minutes of this meeting were recorded from 24 May 2020)

April 25

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2020 15:09
To: NSS.HPSCoronavirus@nhs.net; [redacted] [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: FAO Guidance cell - Admission of individuals to the care home - CMO response

Dear [redacted] and [redacted],

Please see below and attached for a response from the CMO on the care home guidance – not sure if you've already had this directly but just in case. [redacted – section 30(c)]

Best,
[redacted]

[redacted]
COVID-19 Policy Response Unit (HPS Liaison) | Health and Social Care Directorate
mobile: [redacted]

From: Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>
Sent: 25 April 2020 14:24
To: Hawkins G (Gill) <Gill.Hawkins@gov.scot>; Steedman N (Nicola) (DCMO) <Nicola.Steedman@gov.scot>; DCMO Health COVID19 <DCMOHealth.COVID19@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>
Cc: Ahmed S (Syed) (Dr) <Syed.Ahmed@gov.scot>; Riley A (Andrew) Dr <Andrew.Riley2@gov.scot>; Ellis G (Graham) <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: URGENT - HPS Guidance : Admission of individuals to the care home

Gill – this guidance has a little bit of work yet needed. [redacted – section 30(c)]

Dr Gregor Smith
Interim Chief Medical Officer for Scotland
Scottish Government

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Telephone: [redacted]

Twitter: @DrGregorSmith

Attachment for above email Exempt Under FOI Section 30c. It was an extract from the draft care homes guidance with tracked comments on content

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2020 15:18
To: [redacted] ; HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND)
<nss.hpsc冠onavirus@nhs.net>; [redacted]<
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FAO Guidance cell - Admission of individuals to the care home - CMO response

Thanks [redacted]
We have not seen this yet and will come back to you.

Best

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Health Protection Scotland

Public Health Scotland

Mobile: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2020 15:21
To: [redacted]< HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND)
<nss.hpsc冠onavirus@nhs.net>; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: FAO Guidance cell - Admission of individuals to the care home - CMO response

Thanks [redacted]. We also agree that it would be reasonable for you to update your existing guidance with some holding lines to reflect the Cab Sec statement, pending further input from Graham Ellis and Diane Murray. You mentioned this at the huddle but I don't think we confirmed.

[redacted]

[redacted]

COVID-19 Policy Response Unit (HPS Liaison) | Health and Social Care Directorate
mobile: [redacted]

April 26

Attachment at Annex A

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 April 2020 11:45
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: FW: URGENT - HPS Guidance : Admission of individuals to the care home
Importance: High

[redacted],

Gill has checked with DMCO and she's content for you to issue the attached holding statement. [redacted – section 30(c)]

Once you've had a chance to discuss with Graham and Diane then the guidance can be finalised. The Care Home Clinical and Advisory Cell are happy to help but let me know if you need anything more from the HPS liaison team.

[redacted]

[redacted]
COVID-19 Policy Response Unit
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St Andrew's House

Mobile: [redacted]

May 1

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 May 2020 18:18
To: covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) [redacted] HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND) <nss.hpsc冠onavirus@nhs.net>; [redacted] (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND)
Subject: Updated Guidance

Dear all

I would be grateful if you could alert the relevant SG groups that our guidance is due to be published this evening to include a relevant excerpt from the FM statement from earlier today. In the first instance this is the care home and the health protection team guidance. We are urgently reviewing all our guidance and revising with the same content as appropriate.

Groups to be informed include but are not limited to the Clinical and Professional Advisory Group for Care Homes. Please relay this information this evening.

Best wishes
[redacted]

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Email:

May 4

From: [redacted]
Sent: 04 May 2020 08:14
To: [redacted] [redacted] >; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] ; [redacted] < [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] < Ellis G (Graham) <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] < [redacted] < [redacted] < [redacted] <; [redacted] ; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] >; [redacted] >; Murray D (Diane) <Diane.Murray@gov.scot>; [redacted] >; [redacted] >; [redacted] <>; [redacted] >
Cc: [redacted] >; [redacted] >; Ellis G (Graham) <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; Murray D (Diane) <Diane.Murray@gov.scot>; [redacted] >; [redacted] <>
Subject: HPS Updated Guidance on care homes

Dear Care Homes Clinical and Professional Advisory Group Members

Updated HPS guidance

Please see link to updated HPS guidance on care homes which was updated on 1 May to take account of new testing requirements. You may wish to forward to your contacts/ networks.

[COVID-19 - Information and guidance for care home settings](#)

[COVID-19 - guidance for Health Protection Teams \(HPTs\)](#)

Thanks and best wishes

[redacted]

[redacted] | Social Care Support Division | Community Health and Social Care Directorate | Scottish Government
| Area GE18 | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG
I and most of my colleagues are now working from home for the foreseeable future. Please reach me by email or by [redacted]

May 15

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 May 2020 19:03
To: [redacted] HPScomms <phs.HPScomms@nhs.net>
Cc: covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] <
Subject: FW: Scottish Labour press release criticism of HPS care homes guidance
Importance: High

Hi [redacted]/HPS Comms

Can you confirm that HPS provided lines in response to this press release? We haven't seen any come through our inbox so wanted to check.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 May 2020 12:18
Subject: Newsdirect Mentions: Scottish Labour press release about HPS guidance

Hello,

Scottish Labour has published a press released regarding Health Protection Scotland guidance, I've copied the press release in full below:

Scottish Labour:

Health Protection Scotland guidance on coronavirus and care homes published yesterday must be withdrawn and amended, Scottish Labour has said, as serious concerns exist over the quality of the guidance and the prospect of the guidance to delay urgent testing.

The guidance advises that if there is an outbreak of coronavirus in a care home which is part of a group or chain, testing should be carried out "*urgently*". Despite this, it then continues to say that if an outbreak is detected at a care home as part of a chain, assurances must be sought that the home has a contingency plan prior to that testing being carried out.

This insistence threatens to delay testing and presents the real risk of infected care workers travelling between several care homes spreading the virus.

Despite care workers repeatedly stating that they are struggling to access testing for coronavirus, there have been reports that testing centres have closed early this week due to lack of demand.

The guidance also refers to Scottish Government guidance on uninfected care homes as “*not clear*” and admits that there is a serious lack of lab capacity for testing.

Scottish Labour health and social care spokesperson Monica Lennon said: “*This guidance should be withdrawn and improved. We can’t take any chances with care home safety.*”

“*Care homes are at the centre of the crisis and we can’t afford any more missed opportunities to save lives. The guidance is nowhere close enough to a comprehensive testing policy for care homes.*”

“*We welcome the honest admission that the lack of testing and lab capacity is still a concern.*”

“*This must drive the Scottish Government to urgently boost our testing capabilities.*”

“*The fact that care home staff are working across multiple sites, however, is causing real concern, especially because of the lack of PPE and testing.*”

“*Staff are living in fear that they are spreading the virus and making residents ill. That’s why it’s disappointing that trade unions have not been fully consulted.*”

“*The Scottish Government must put safety first and that’s why Scottish Labour is seeking support for any care worker who faces hardship as a result of this crisis.*”

Kind regards,

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Account Manager

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[redacted]@newsdirect-uk.com

May 16

From:

Sent: 16 May 2020 09:24

To: [redacted] <HPScomms <pfs.HPScomms@nhs.net>>

Cc:

Subject: RE: Scottish Labour press release criticism of HPS care homes guidance

Morning [redacted],

The request I mentioned is below. I just wanted to double check whether HPS Comms had been able to respond or not. We hadn’t seen a response and I’ve been asked about it (it may be that our policy box just wasn’t included in your response).

Thank you,
[redacted]

[redacted]
COVID-19 Policy Response Unit (HPS Liaison) | Health and Social Care Directorate
mobile: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 May 2020 09:41
To: [redacted] <HPScomms <p hs.HPScomms@nhs.net>>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Scottish Labour press release criticism of HPS care homes guidance

Morning [redacted]

We don't have general lines in response to the press release as requested in the email below. Was there a specific question we were being asked to respond to? Forgive me if I'm missing something, I wasn't in yesterday.

Best wishes,
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Health Protection Scotland
Public Health Scotland

Mobile: [redacted]
E-mail:
Web: www.hps.scot.nhs.uk

From: redacted
Sent: 16 May 2020 09:48
To: [redacted] <HPScomms <p hs.HPScomms@nhs.net>>
Cc: redacted
Subject: RE: Scottish Labour press release criticism of HPS care homes guidance

Hi [redacted],

I was just wanting to be clear whether someone from HPS had gone back with lines, so that's all I need for now thanks. I appreciate, reading it back through, that the ask wasn't very clear.

Best,

[redacted]

From: [redacted] >
Sent: 16 May 2020 09:54
To: [redacted] HPScomms <phs.HPScomms@nhs.net>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Scottish Labour press release criticism of HPS care homes guidance

Thanks [redacted].

Let me know if you need anything further on this, or anything else of course.

Best,
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Health Protection Scotland
Public Health Scotland

Mobile: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@nhs.net
Web: www.hps.scot.nhs.uk

May 24

From: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND)
Sent: 24 May 2020 13:01
To: [redacted] <
Cc: Riley A (Andrew) Dr <Andrew.Riley2@gov.scot>; [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]>
Subject: FW: 2020-05-22 COVID-19 Care Homes v1.4

[redacted]

This is the HPS care homes guidance that went to SG last Thursday and came back with comments from CMO.
[redacted] has responded to the CMO comments and has annotated this next draft version with her responses.

[redacted – section 30(c)]

It might also be useful to clarify that we do all the final spelling and grammar checks and formatting at the pre-publication check before the document goes on the website so it is not necessary to check these issues but any errors are useful to know about.

Finally - could we agree to call the CMO process the SG “policy alignment stage” (SG-PAS) of the guidance development process?

Regards,

May 25

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 May 2020 10:11

To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND)

Cc: Riley A (Andrew) Dr <Andrew.Riley2@gov.scot>; [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted] [redacted] Grieve DA (Derek) <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: 2020-05-22 COVID-19 Care Homes v1.4

[redacted],

Please see attached response from CMO. Happy to discuss on 10:15 call.

[redacted]

Attachment with email sent 25 May 2020

From: Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>

Sent: 25 May 2020 10:08

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>; McQueen F (Fiona) <Fiona.McQueen@gov.scot>; Leitch J (Jason) <Jason.Leitch@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Grieve DA (Derek) <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Nicholson J (John) <John.Nicholson@gov.scot>; Sheppard L (Lesley) (Covid-19) <Lesley.Sheppard@gov.scot>; Kleinberg D (Daniel) <Daniel.Kleinberg@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; DCMO Health COVID19 <DCMOHealth.COVID19@gov.scot>; CNOD - Covid 19 <CNOD.Covid-19@gov.scot>; Murray D (Diane) <Diane.Murray@gov.scot>; Ellis G (Graham) <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>

Subject: RE: For Action: HPS Updated Care Home Guidance v1.4

The SG guidance has been developed through input from CMO/CNO Clinical Advisory Cell on Care Homes and Nosocomial Group; both of these have primacy on clinical and IPC matters relating to care homes.

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Guidance	Version	Sent to SG	Comment from SG received	Response from HPS	Outcome
[Other rows of out scope]					
19. Care homes	v1.5	30/05/2020		v1.4 already sent for PAC now redundant	

Twitter: @DrGregorSmith

From: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Sent: 30 May 2020 22:43
To: covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND) <nss.hpscovid@nhs.net>
Subject: FW: For PAC 30/05

From the HPS Guidance team

Dear SG Colleagues

Please find attached **two** further pieces of HPS guidance for **review** using the PAC process:

- Care Homes v1.5 [attachment exempt – version now published]
- [redacted - out of scope]

Both of these documents supersede previous versions sent to SG for PAC process but which have not yet completed the PAC process – this means the earlier versions still sitting with SG are now redundant. The new versions attached here are based on the previous versions and assume all the changes to the earlier versions are retained but with only the latest new ones highlighted.

[redacted – out of scope]

[redacted]
On behalf of the HPS Guidance Team

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 31 May 2020 08:49
To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>; covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND) <nss.hpscovid@nhs.net>
Subject: RE: For PAC 30/05

Thank you [redacted], confirming this has been received and will be triaged.

[redacted]

June 1

From: [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk <[redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 June 2020 17:10
To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND) <nss.hpscoronavirus@nhs.net>; [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: RE: For PAC 30/05

[redacted],

Please see response from CMO (in the message below) in relation to v1.5 of the Care Homes guidance.

You'll be best placed to respond but offering a suggestion below in relation to the first comment:

[redacted – section 30(c)]

[redacted]

Attachment for the above email – exempt under Section 30(c).

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 04 June 2020 09:12
To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Cc: [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Sheppard L (Lesley) (Covid-19) <Lesley.Sheppard@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Care homes

Thanks [redacted],

I've gone back to CMO now on your response here to point 2 and your response in your message this morning to point 1.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 04 June 2020 22:04
To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Cc: [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Sheppard L (Lesley) (Covid-19) <Lesley.Sheppard@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For PAC 30/05

Hi [redacted],

CMO has confirmed that, rather than using the change I'd suggested below, he's happy with you doing as you suggested and using the revised text in the Health Protection Teams version 9.1 (which is currently with us for policy alignment check).

An outbreak is NORMALLY defined as two linked cases of a disease. For care homes specifically, with respect to COVID-19, an outbreak should be suspected when there is a single new case with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection arising in the care home, likely to be due to spread of the virus within the care home. Assessment of resident cases when considering any potential outbreak should also include symptomatic cases who have either been transferred from the facility to hospital as a result of infection or a suspected COVID-19 individual who has died within the same time period. These criteria may apply to other residential settings if there are groups of clinically vulnerable individuals or extremely vulnerable individuals living in group settings. This will need to be considered on an individual basis.

From: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Sent: 05 June 2020 15:29
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Sheppard L (Lesley) (Covid-19) <Lesley.Sheppard@gov.scot>
Subject: care homes guidance

Sorry to ask but any news as yet.
I have been instructed to advise of progress on this asap.

[redacted – section 30(c)]

[redacted]

Dr [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk <[redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 June 2020 15:45
To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Cc: Lesley.Sheppard@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: RE: care homes guidance

Hi [redacted],

I'm sorry we haven't met your 3pm deadline. It is with CMO at the moment.

Best,
[redacted]

From: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Sent: 05 June 2020 15:49
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: Sheppard L (Lesley) (Covid-19) <Lesley.Sheppard@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: care homes guidance

[redacted],

Can you advise please if we are likely to receive a response today at some point this PM – or not?

I need to know if I need to ask the web-team to wait after 5pm?

Thanks,

[redacted]

Dr [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
Health Protection Scotland

Telephone number: Direct Dial: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]

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On 5 Jun 2020, at 17:52, "[redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk"
<[redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk> wrote:

[redacted],

I've spoken with Lesley again and we are not going to be able to finally clear either care home guidance document to allow you to make the update over the weekend. I'm really sorry about this. We'll continue to try to get this sorted out as quickly as we can over the weekend.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 June 2020 17:59
To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Subject: RE: For PAC 30/05

[redacted],

To confirm that I do need the final version of this guidance document - Care Homes v1.5 - to conclude the PAC and provide written confirmation. Please could you send over. I'm sorry I'm not able to simplify this.

[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Sent: 06 June 2020 18:09
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [REDACTED]<[redacted]>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; Shepherd L (Lesley) <Lesley.Shepherd@gov.scot>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net>
Subject: Fw: NEW HPS Guidance for PAC

Hi [redacted],

As discussed, here are the same three back, no changes to zip file.

I agree with your assessment.

To note that the Care Home checklist will not require any further changes once the Care Home guidance proper is agreed since it is a summary document that does not include the detail on which there remain points for agreement.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm by return therefore that these 3 guidance docs are ready for our publication process (removing yellow, final check of links, etc).

thanks,
[redacted]

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t: [redacted]
m: [redacted]
a: Meridian Court, 5 Cadogan St, Glasgow, G2 6QE

June 7

On 7 Jun 2020, at 14:54, [redacted]<[redacted]@nhs.net> wrote:

Dear [redacted]

Please find attached V1.51 of Care Homes Guidance which incorporates the requested changes. This should allow SG to now complete the PAC and allow us to publish the guidance.

Best

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Health Protection Scotland

Public Health Scotland

Mobile: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

E-mail: [redacted]@nhs.net

Web: www.hps.scot.nhs.uk

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Don't be a bystander- <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/nobystanders> #NoBystanders

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June 11

From: [redacted] [SG]

Sent: 11 June 2020 07:03

To: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>; [redacted]@nhs.net; HPSCORONAVIRUS (NHS NATIONAL SERVICES SCOTLAND) <nss.hpsc冠avirus@nhs.net>; [REDACTED]<[redacted]>

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: HPS guidance - policy alignment check - confirmation of publication - COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Care Home Settings, Version 1.51

[redacted] and team,

With apologies for the delay.

The Scottish Government is satisfied that the HPS Guidance **COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Care Home Settings, Version 1.51** (attached) is in alignment with SG policy and can therefore be published subject to the following addition.

At section 16 entitled 'Personal or work travel and physical (social) distancing', you insert at the end of the penultimate bullet point on page 19 – "Transport Scotland advice on how to travel safely makes clear that, when travelling by bus, tram or rail you should, and are expected to, wear a face covering".

Note that in the attached version we've highlighted text that is different from that in the published version. These highlights were for internal PAC purposes only.

[redacted]

[redacted]

COVID-19 Policy Response Unit
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St Andrew's House

Mobile: [redacted]

June 14

From: [redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk <[redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 June 2020 16:09
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND)
Subject: FW: HPS guidance - policy alignment check - confirmation of publication - COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Care Home Settings, Version 1.51

Just to confirm that the version in which you've made this change (v1.52) can be published without coming back to us.

[redacted]

Attachment - Information & Guidance for Care Home Settings V1.51

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Sent: 14 June 2020 17:34
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@gov.scot>; [redacted] (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <[redacted]@nhs.net>
Subject: Re: HPS guidance - PAC confirmation of publication - COVID-19: Guidance for Care Home Settings, V1.52

[redacted], [redacted],

The version in which we have made the requested change re Transport Scotland that links to face coverings advice is the attached V1.52. [redacted] advises that it does not need to go back to SG.

To note that [redacted] had attached V1.51 to her email simply for reference.

thanks,
[redacted]

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Attachment - Information & Guidance for Care Home Settings V1.52



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COVID-19 Care hom

Note that a more up to date version of the guidance is available at [HPS Website - COVID-19 - Information and guidance for care home settings \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/hps/COVID-19-Information-and-guidance-for-care-home-settings)

Call Logs

Monday 25th May 2020 at 10.15am (HPS & SG Call)

Attendees

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Syed Ahmed

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

Care Home Guidance

- CMO has made comments on the draft care home guidance that HPS had sent to SG. [redacted – section 30(c)] It was agreed that an internal more senior chat should go ahead within SG with CMO, Derek Grieve and others to discuss but that [redacted] would take some time to consider this.
- [redacted - HPS] is going to speak with Graham Ellis who chairs the Clinical Advisory Cell on Care Homes that CMO's refers to in his response, to check his understanding of the remit of that group in relation to IPC and public health advice.
- [redacted - HPS] asked Syed if the Oversight group chaired by CNO was still to be set up. Syed said he will speak with Gill to confirm the progress of this [redacted – section 30(c)].

Tuesday 26th May at 10.15am (HPS & SG Call)

Attendees

[redacted]

Derek Grieve

[redacted]

[redacted]

Andrew Riley

[redacted]

[redacted]

Guidance

[redacted - SG] updated that yesterday evening issue of policy alignment was discussed, other issues still under consideration. Yesterday there was also discussion about issues of care homes, to be put to be carried forward for now. Invited questions on other guidance

Thursday 4th June at 10.15am (HPS & SG Call)

Attendees:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] (Secretariat)
[redacted]
[redacted]
Andrew Riley
Lesley Sheppard
[redacted]

Care home guidance

Friday 5th June at 10.15am (HPS & SG Call)

Attendees:

[redacted] (Chair)
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
Andrew Riley
[redacted]
[redacted]
Lesley Sheppard

Care Homes

[redacted - HPS] outlined situation with current guidance. Cabinet Sec asked for interim guidance to be taken down but final one still to be agreed. [redacted - HPS] expressed that there was a potential risk of embarrassment if no guidance online and asked if there was a solution.

Lesley requested updated from [redacted - SG]. [redacted - SG] has drawn up a list of issues with guidance.

[redacted - SG] updated that, with guidance requiring approval, further changes to version 1.5 went to [redacted - HPS]. [redacted - HPS] to prioritise. Discussed whether it would be possible to accept further proposed change in wording then just publish (relatively minor). Lesley said she was potentially happy for it to be published with this change, if [redacted - HPS] confirms it's been done, but asked [redacted - SG] for confirmation on whether SG needed to see a final version. [redacted - SG]

highlighted that she wished to confirm the status of this guidance in the process and discuss with Lesley off-line before confirming whether another version was needed.