

we are at a point where that could be reassuring information for the public around the increase in numbers, demonstrate we're still at containment, that contact tracing works and be a legitimate public interest matter.

Ahead of the update to numbers at 2pm can FM and Cab Sec receive as full information as possible about that event, what's been done, the contact tracing, success etc

And can consideration be given with comms as to what can be said around it

With thanks

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Sent: 05 March 2020 17:42

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Subject: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

Cabinet Secretary,

[Redacted] has let me know that he has just learnt that there are an additional 3 presumptive cases been confirmed in Scotland this evening. [Redacted-section-30(b)(ii)] but we don't have information on the source of their infections or whether they are connected to each other.

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Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 12:22 pm
To: Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP; First Minister
Subject: RE: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

Thanks I will forward that on.

[Redacted section 30 (b)(ii)]

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Subject: Re: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

[Redacted section 30 (b)(ii)]

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Subject: FW: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

FM,

Please see below latest update.

This is the information and format that will appear on the SG website at 1400. They are planning on adding this table with the full Health Board names published. They will also add the number of negative and positive cases.

[Redacted] will send on details of the social media publications shortly.

In the meantime can you confirm you are content with the lines highlighted below.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

PS/Ministers/CMO

At 2pm each day we will report the total number of negative and positive cases reported to us by 9am that day. At the same time we will publish the health board areas of the positive cases.

The information for today is 1,514 negative cases and 11 positive cases.

The 11 positive cases are split as follows:

Health Board	Number of Positive cases
Tayside	1
Ayrshire & Arran	1
Forth Valley	2
GGC	1
Grampian	3
Fife	2
Lothian	1

We are not aware of any of these patients giving cause for concern. Contact tracing is at different stages for the different cases – some concluded and some underway.

[Redacted section 30 (b)(i)]

When I receive further information about the individual cases I will share it with Ministers.

Kind regards

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From: Covid-19 HSC Response Briefing <Covid-19HSCResponseBriefing@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 May 2020 12:45

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: URGENT: BBC Disclosure - briefing required

[redacted]

With apologies, there is an error in the 'Disclosure Scotland FMQ' briefing document – fourth bullet point down should read Tuesday 3 March and not Tuesday 2 March. Clean copy attached with date change in red.

Kind regards,

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Cabinet Secretary.
Private Office,

Please find attached the following in relation to your request on the BBC Disclosure Scotland programme:

1. An FMQ briefing document on the programme which was produced and circulated this morning.

[out of scope]

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport

Sent: 11 May 2020 21:32

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COVID Briefing Unit,

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Thanks,

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Subject: URGENT: BBC Disclosure - briefing required

Importance: High

COVID Briefing Unit,

At the request of the Cab Sec I am commissioning this briefing tonight. You will be aware that the BBC Disclosure is on tonight. I am also aware that a transcript of this programme has already been asked for. Comms have below set out some of the points that have featured in the programme and prepared lines (attached is another email setting out lines that have been issued in response to the programme) but the Cab Sec would still like the transcript to be considered and briefing brought together on the points below and any others note covered.

[Redacted- Out of Scope]

I would be grateful if you could liaise with the relevant policy leads and Comms to bring this briefing together for no later than 1200 tomorrow.

Many thanks,

[Redacted],

1. [Redacted- Out of Scope]

2. [Redacted- Out of Scope]

3. [Redacted- Out of Scope].

4. [Redacted- Out of Scope]

5. [Redacted- Out of Scope]

6. [Redacted- Out of Scope]

7. [Redacted- Out of Scope]

8. The BBC has discovered that a conference for senior Nike employees took place in Edinburgh in late February. I have already asked a number of questions I relation to this, and those questions still stand. In addition to those questions (which I attach below for ease of reference) I would like to ask: a) why ScotGov and HPS decided not alert the Scottish public to a potentially dangerous outbreak in Scotland?

b) please explain how ScotGov's position is that the first community transfer of covid 19 took place on 11 March – when this outbreak is clearly an example of community transmission as far back as late February?

c) It was suggested to me this morning ScotGov may not release details of exactly where this conference took place – I ask that this position is reconsidered, in the spirit of openness and transparency the FM has promised the Scottish people.

The group at increased risk of COVID-19 were all identified and all contacts were traced, so public health authorities were satisfied that there was no further infection risk. The initial case had recently travelled to a specified high risk country during their incubation period before attending this conference. All of the cases linked to this event were traced by their close contact with this case, or contact with conference delegates who tested positive after the event. Therefore it is not an example of community transmission.

An example of community transmission would require a confirmed case, with no known history of international travel to a risk area, or link to close contact of such a case.

9. [Redacted – out of scope]

10. I'm investigating a line I've become aware of that involves an early outbreak of corona virus in Edinburgh in late February. I understand that the annual Nike Head Coach European Conference ("Head Coach" means store manager) was held in Edinburgh this year around the 27/28 February. I've confirmed that a number of Nike staff from around the UK and Europe subsequently fell ill with covid symptoms and tested positive. I've been told that the virus was likely brought into Scotland to the conference from a Nike employee from Amsterdam. In light of this I have a number of questions:

- * is ScotGov/HPS aware how many Nike staff or people associated with this conference (including conference venue staff) were tested positive? When did the first staff member test positive? How did ScotGov become aware?**
- * can you confirm if all people attending the conference (as well as conference venue employees) were "contacted and traced" by the Scottish authorities in a bid to contain the virus? What other action was taken by HPS/ScotGov?**
- * please confirm the exact location and dates of the conference**
- * please confirm what action was taken by the conference venue**
- * many Nike stores around the world and in the UK were closed for deep cleans following this conference – can you confirm whether the Scottish authorities were communicating with Nike about steps to contain the virus?**

Health Protection Scotland (HPS), now part of Public Health Scotland, and Scottish Government were alerted by international public health authorities on 2 March 2020 of an individual who had tested positive for COVID-19 following their attendance at a conference for over 70 delegates in Edinburgh at the end of February.

HPS set up an Incident Management Team (IMT), with representatives from Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies, to ensure all attendees were contacted and given appropriate public health advice. This included

advice regarding self-isolation and contact tracing of any attendee showing symptoms of COVID-19.

The conference organisers shared full details of all delegates which allowed the IMT to ensure contact tracing of all attendees. Close contacts of those individuals who tested positive were also contacted in each country.

Investigation revealed that a total of 25 cases within and outside the UK were confirmed to be linked to the event itself or were close contacts of attendees. Eight of these cases were resident in Scotland. All were contact traced and reported in details of the number of cases in Scotland at the time.

NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council worked closely with the conference venue to ensure that all public health issues were addressed including advice for close contacts of delegates and infection prevention and control considerations.

Document reference: 5

DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND (COVID-19)

- The BBC has interviewed an epidemiologist (Prof Allyson Pollock) from Edinburgh University who is leading a team preparing to publish a scientific modelling study estimating how many lives may have been saved had Scotland locked down sooner.
- She estimates that if Scotland had imposed a lockdown on the 10th March, as of May 3, Scotland could have seen fewer than 600 covid related deaths in comparison to the real number of 2,795 (as published on May 6).
- Disclosure Scotland will be reporting on an International NIKE conference on 27 February that took place in Edinburgh where an attendee from Amsterdam was subsequently tested positive for coronavirus.
- On Tuesday 3 March, HPS informed us that one of the cases that tested positive related to attendance at the NIKE conference and they held a IMT to seek more information. This involved Dutch and Irish health protection teams to allow them to undertake full contact tracing.
- The HPS contact tracing revealed that a total of 25 cases within and outside the UK were confirmed to be linked to the event itself or were close contacts of attendees. Eight of these cases were resident in Scotland. All were contact traced and reported in details of the number of cases in Scotland at the time
- Ministers were briefed as part of the sitrep on Tuesday 3 March, but this did not include details of the individuals and advice was provided through CMO not to publicly reference the conference in order to protect patient confidentiality.

- At the time the contact who attended the conference was identified there were a total of 3 confirmed cases. This one, the first case announced on Sunday 1 March and the second case which was related to the first case.
- The following were reported to us (and subsequently to Ministers via sitreps on a daily basis) as being connected to the NIKE conference up to 7 March at which point HPS stopped providing a detailed link to each case due to complexity:
 - Index case (3rd case from Ayrshire)
 - Case 5 (contact with index case in Ayrshire)
 - Case 7 (Forth Valley)
 - Case 9 (Lothian)
 - Case 12 (Lanarkshire)
 - Case 15 (Grampian)

Top Lines

- Health Protection Scotland were alerted an individual had tested positive on Tuesday 3 March and, as is usual practise, convened an Incident Management team meeting to undertake contact tracing. This was the third confirmed case in Scotland at the time.
- Daily updates were published on the Scottish Government website at 2pm of the number of tests undertaken which included the number tested positive.
- We understand that for this specific case, an international IMT was held which included Dutch and Irish Health protection teams where a total of 25 cases were confirmed (8 of which in Scotland) linked to the NIKE conference in Edinburgh.
- Steps were then taken by the respective health protection teams to provide advice and follow up in the event that these contacts starting to display symptoms.
- Our response to the outbreak has been guided by the best clinical science and Scotland, in line with other countries, followed the well-established practise of seeking to contain the spread as long as possible.
- That is why I activated SGoRR, the Scottish Government Resilience Room, and chaired a meeting on Tuesday 25/02/2020.

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Document reference: 6

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister Covid Briefing Unit

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[redacted - Section 30(b)(i)]

I have also attached the lines as they stand (see document reference 7)

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Hope this is helpful.

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Briefing Unit will share what has been given to FM ...which covers below – and Davie is heading down to parliament to feedback on this morning's discussion

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Just to confirm I have picked this up.

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Importance: High

[Redacted],

Please see below – the Cab Sec will have to answer this in the chamber today at 1420. She would therefore be grateful for a draft answer to the question Neil Findlay will ask by no later than 1300 today. She will also require background briefing which covers the following (although I appreciate this may be covered in what you are preparing for the FM to use at the daily briefing):

- 1) exactly how many cases were linked to the Nike conference?
- 2) who's advice did we take not to make this figure public?
- 3) the dates we were told of the cases linked to the Nike conference
- 4) what contract tracing was done on those who were at this conference.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that this has been picked up and that an answer and background note will be with us by 1300.

Thanks,
[Redacted],

From: redacted<redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans
Sent: 12 May 2020 11:11
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans <MinisterPBV@gov.scot>; Minister for Mental Health <MinisterMH@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing <MinisterPHSW@gov.scot>; Hutchison D (David) <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

[Redacted],

To see the urgent question below for answer in the chamber today. Grateful for confirmation of who will answer and when is a suitable time.

Happy to discuss of course.

Thanks,
[Redacted],

[Redacted],
| Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans|T4.21, Scottish Parliament|T: [Redacted],)|E: [Redacted][Redacted@gov.scot]]

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Sent: 12 May 2020 10:40
To: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans <[[Redacted[Redacted@gov.scot]]]>
Cc: ParlyClerk Scotland <[[Redacted[Redacted@gov.scot]]]>; Business Team <Redacted]]@parliament.scot>; Chamber Desk <[Redacted]@parliament.scot>
Subject: Urgent Question for this afternoon
Importance: High

[Redacted],

The PO has selected an urgent question from Neil Findlay to be taken in the chamber today:

- To ask the Scottish Government for what reason COVID-19 cases identified in Edinburgh on 2 March 2020 were not made public.

Could you let me know when the appropriate Minister would be available to answer this please as soon as possible?

Many thanks

Regards

[Redacted],
[Redacted],
Chamber Desk

Document reference: 7

Disclosure Scotland reported on an International Nike conference on 27 February that took place in Edinburgh where an attendee from [Redacted] was subsequently tested positive for coronavirus.

On Tuesday 3 March, HPS informed us that one of the cases that tested positive related to attendance at the Nike conference and they convened an incident management to seek more information. This involved Dutch and Irish health protection teams to allow them to undertake full contact tracing.

The HPS contact tracing revealed that a total of 25 cases within and outside the UK were confirmed to be linked to the event itself or were close contacts of attendees.

Eight of these cases were resident in Scotland. All were contact traced and reported in details of the number of cases in Scotland at the time

Ministers were briefed as part of the sitrep on Tuesday 3 March, but this did not include details of the individuals and advice was provided through CMO not to publicly reference the conference in order to protect patient confidentiality.

At the time, the contact who attended the conference was identified there were a total of 3 confirmed cases. This one, the first case announced on Sunday 1 March and the second case which was related to the first case.

The following were reported to us (and subsequently to Ministers via sitreps on a daily basis) as being connected to the Nike conference up to 7 March at which point HPS stopped providing a detailed link to each case due to complexity

- Index case (3rd case from Ayrshire)
- Case 5 (contact with index case in Ayrshire)
- Case 7 (Forth Valley)
- Case 9 (Lothian)
- Case 12 (Lanarkshire)
- Case 15 (Grampian)

Date	Time	Update
Wed 26 to Thurs 27 Feb		Nike conference in Edinburgh
Sunday 1 March		SG confirms first case in Scotland in Tayside
Tuesday 3 March		<p>HPS informed of two new cases.</p> <p>Grampian case – travel related.</p> <p>[Redacted section-38]– Nike conference related.</p> <p>HPS updated ministers and confirmed they had held a IMT to seek more information. This involved Dutch and Irish health protection teams to allow them to undertake full contact tracing. Ministers informed of this update in daily sitrep.</p>
Wednesday 4 March		<p>SG announces via press release 2 new cases, bringing total cases to 3. That news release confirmed:</p> <p><i>One patient is resident in the Grampian area, the second patient is resident in the Ayrshire area. One patient has recently travelled to northern Italy and the other has had contact with a known positive case – this contact was not with the first positive case confirmed in Scotland.</i></p> <p>HPS have confirmed that one of those new cases was connected to the conference.</p> <p>The news release also confirmed contact tracing was underway for these patients:</p> <p><i>Clinicians have begun contact tracing, the process of gathering details of the places they have visited and the people they have been in contact with. It is important to note that this tracing process does not involve people the patients may have passed on the street or in a shop – as the risk in these situations is very low. Close contact involves either face-to-face contact or spending more than 15 minutes within</i></p>

		<i>two metres of an infected person. Those at risk of infection will be contacted by health protection teams for further advice. Those who are not contacted are not at risk.</i>
Thursday 5 March		FMQs – FM announces 3 new cases, bringing total to 6.
Thursday 5 March	14:55	Officials notify Cabinet Secretary of an additional 2 presumptive cases. Email confirms that <i>“the information available is that one is a [redacted-section 30(b)(ii)] and the other is a person returned from Italy.”</i>
Thursday 5 March	17:42	Officials notify Cabinet Secretary there are an additional 3 presumptive cases in Scotland that day. One in Lothian <i>[redacted-section 30(b)(ii)]</i> . E-mail confirms that this means 5 new presumptive cases in Scotland that day, bringing total to 11.
Thursday 5 March	19:10	Liz Lloyd asks for further information on the Nike event, confirming “Cab Sec, FM and Gregor are conscious that a number of Scotland’s cases now connect to one event”. Includes asking for consideration of what can be said publically.
Thursday 5 March	20:11	Email from DCMO to ministers [Redacted section 30 (b)(i)]
Friday 6 March	10:08	CMO email update to FM. Confirms there are 8 cases in the UK linked to Nike conference, including 3 in Scotland. Advises international effort on contact tracing. “Strong advice” not to confirm publically.
Friday 6 March	11:45	Email to ministers from officials confirms 11 positive cases in Scotland as at 9 that morning. <i>[redacted-section 30(b)(ii)]</i>
Friday 6 March	12:11	Email to ministers confirming CMO advice was to <i>“not make any reference to the event at all at this stage”</i> .
Friday 6 March	12:20	Email from FM PO confirming advice in email of 11:45 has been put to FM. Confirms <i>“FM was happy with the line regarding the event but will be advised by the CMO on not using it at all”</i> . FM PO confirms they will pass on CMO advice on not mentioning event at all at this stage.

Document reference: 8

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 09 May 2020 18:47

To: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>; Smith G (Gregor) <Gregor.Smith@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: BBC Disclosure documentary - questions FOR CLEARANCE

[Redacted]

The First Minister has noted and is content with the responses as drafted.

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Deputy Private Secretary

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Subject: BBC Disclosure documentary - questions FOR CLEARANCE

PS FM / Health Secretary

BBC Investigations Correspondent [redacted] has asked a series of questions ahead of a pre-recorded documentary due for broadcast on Monday at 8:30pm - *BBC Disclosure: Scotland's Lockdown*.

Comms have agreed the responses below with policy, HPS and SPADs.

Grateful for confirmation of whether the FM and Health Secretary are content with the responses, or would like any changes. I have included the letter referred to in Q9 as an attachment.

CMO

Grateful if you could also clear Q2, it refers to a contact tracing document published under your name.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[Redacted] | Head of Major Events Planning | Scottish Government Communications | [Redacted] | [Redacted] | [Redacted][Redacted@gov.scot] | <http://www.gov.scot>

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7. [REDACTED- Out of Scope]

8. See information contained in document 4

9. [Redacted – out of scope]

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From: Smith G (Gregor) <Gregor.Smith@gov.scot>

Sent: 06 March 2020 10:59

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

[redacted]

You'll see CMO has commented on this and provided specific advice at 10:08.

G

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Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, University of Glasgow

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

All,

The First Minister has reiterated that as today is the first of our 2pm reporting of new cases she would like to see the news release before it issues.

Regards

[Redacted]

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Adding stuart and colin.

Thanks

J

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[Redacted-section 30(b(i))]

We will be to think carefully about how we frame this and about inevitable follow up questions.

I've added other comms colleagues, so grateful if we could use this copy list please.

Thanks

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CMO

Jason Leitch is still on leave, we will tell media that it is postponed until early next week as [redacted] is ill. Are you around for bids later?

redacted

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That might work.

Adding [redacted] who I have spoken to

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Cmo, [redacted] will consider and discuss with you. She's over the detail of who is attending. It will be challenging but we'll consider options.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

[Redacted]

[Redacted] is unwell this morning and is going to work from home.

Should we postpone the press briefing - we could offer a statement/ first person piece/ interview.

There are also other developments which will mean a lot of work today and perhaps not the best use of our time today.

Catherine

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If we need to say something proactive around these cases I suggest CMO does this at the press briefing at 11.00 with a news release ready to issue afterwards.

[Redacted-section 30(b(i))]

I've added other comms colleagues, so grateful if we could use this copy list please.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 March - New Cases

Liz,

Confirming that I've been in touch with HPS about this and we'll get something to Ministers in the morning with the details. We'll also put something together for the press release at 2.

Kind regards

[Reacted]

[Reacted]

[Reacted] [COVID-19 Response, Directorate for Population Health, Scottish Government](#)
[Reacted], [Room 1E09, St Andrew's House, 2 Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG](#)

From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Sent: 05 March 2020 19:10

To: SG CoronaVirus <SGCoronavirus@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 Feb - New Cases

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Case 1 is now confirmed positive after testing at [redacted]

Contact tracing for Cases 2 and 3 is now complete.

All cases are being kept under clinical review and offer no causes for concern.

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Sent: 05 March 2020 15:31

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Subject: RE: Thursday 5 Feb - New Cases

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Thanks for this. Is there any update from the request this morning re the latest on the first case (Sunday) and on contact tracing of the second and third cases?

Many thanks,
[redacted]

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SG CoronaVirus
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Correcting subject line

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Cabinet Secretary,

[redacted] has let me know that he has just learnt that there are an additional 2 presumptive cases been confirmed in Scotland this afternoon. [Redaction – section 30b(i)] and the other is a person returned from Italy.

I understand that Ministers may be minded to await until 2pm tomorrow to make any announcement.

Kind regards

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Sent: 04 March 2020 09:52

To: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; Calderwood C (Catherine) <Catherine.Calderwood@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Additional cases - Follow up Questions

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Happy to speak when you can. Might be most helpful.

I think core for ministers here is to understand as much as possible about this event and the cases connected to it.

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Sent: 04 March 2020 08:38

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From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Date: Wednesday, 04 Mar 2020, 8:25 am

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Thanks

I think my follow ups may be for HPS

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Sent: 04 March 2020 08:21

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Hope this helps.

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From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Date: Wednesday, 04 Mar 2020, 8:03 am

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From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>
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Please find below a draft news release confirming two additional cases. I've highlighted the new/changed information. The rest is based on what we issued on Sunday.

Grateful for views/amends.

thanks

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Duty comms have taken a call from NHS Lanarkshire comms saying they have a confirmed case and were we aware?

Is this one of the two cases mentioned in the email trail below? My understanding is that it is not.

Grateful for clarification please.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Additional cases

Liz,

Just to confirm – having discussed with Davie and CMO we will issue lines on this once the IMT is finished. [redacted] was part of that conversation and is going to work up lines for clearance.

CMO – I would be grateful if you could confirm when you are finished on the IMT call so we can get these lines to FM/Cab Sec and issued as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
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From: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Sent: 03 March 2020 16:53

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Adding [redacted] and [redacted] to ensure they are prepared for comms later this evening post IMT confirmation

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Subject: Additional cases

Cabinet Secretary,

I have just been informed by Health Protection Scotland that there are an additional 2 new cases in Scotland. I understand that one has a related travel history and the other has a close contact with an existing confirmed case.

As per our agreed protocol there will be a national IMT chaired by HPS which will (amongst other things) agree:

- How to inform the patients;
- Undertaking a clinical assessment;
- Agree how and where to transfer the patients.

HPS has confirmed they will provide a read out from the IMT once concluded and report as soon as I have this.

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PS/Ministers/CMO

At 2pm each day we will report the total number of negative and positive cases reported to us by 9am that day. At the same time we will publish the health board areas of the positive cases.

The information for today is 1,514 negative cases and 11 positive cases.

The 11 positive cases are split as follows:

Health Board	Number of Positive cases
Tayside	1
Ayrshire & Arran	1
Forth Valley	2
GGC	1
Grampian	3
Fife	2
Lothian	1

We are not aware of any of these patients giving cause for concern. Contact tracing is at different stages for the different cases – some concluded and some underway.

[Redacted section 30 (b)(i)]

When I receive further information about the individual cases I will share it with Ministers.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted], COVID-19 Response, Directorate for Population Health, Scottish Government

[Redacted], Room 1E09, St Andrew's House, 2 Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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Liz,

Confirming that I've been in touch with HPS about this and we'll get something to Ministers in the morning with the details. We'll also put something together for the press release at 2.

Kind regards

[Reacted]

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Cab Sec, FM and Gregor (who can discuss directly what we're looking for) – are conscious that a number of Scotland's cases now connect to one event – and that we are at a point where that could be reassuring information for the public around the increase in numbers, demonstrate we're still at containment, that contact tracing works and be a legitimate public interest matter.

Ahead of the update to numbers at 2pm can FM and Cab Sec receive as full information as possible about that event, what's been done, the contact tracing, success etc

And can consideration be given with comms as to what can be said around it

With thanks

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Cabinet Secretary,

[Redacted] has let me know that he has just learnt that there are an additional 3 presumptive cases been confirmed in Scotland this evening. [Redacted-section-

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PO FM / DFM / Health / Justice / Economy,

Further to the below, we have issued the following lines to BBC tonight on SpAd clearance to update their story.

[redacted]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“In practice, this retrospectively commissioned model, the statistical details of which haven’t been shared with us but appear from the graphic used in the programme to have very large confidence intervals, is bound to show earlier lockdown reduces transmission and harm. At the point of making decisions, as with all of the four nations, the Scottish Government’s actions were guided by the best and most up to date expert scientific and medical advice. That continues to be the case.”

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For awareness – the BBC circulated the below release tonight ahead of the BBC Disclosure programme. Story online [here](#).

In addition to the response provided to the BBC (attached), we have also issued statement below (on SpAd clearance to ensure it was carried) to PA, Telegraph, Times and the Sun to correct BBC line that “the Scottish Government did not comment on the study’s findings”. We have contacted the BBC to correct this.

[redacted]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“This claim is wrong – the Scottish Government was asked about this study and we gave a response to the question which was asked.

“At all times, the Scottish Government’s actions have been guided by the best and most up to date expert scientific and medical advice, working closely with Governments across the UK. The virus doesn’t respect borders or boundaries and it makes sense to align our activity as much as possible.

“However, as the First Minister has previously said, the Scottish Government will not hesitate to do things differently if that is in the best interests of tackling the virus here in Scotland.

“Examples of this approach include the announcements on banning mass gatherings and school closures that were made in advance of UK-wide decisions, and recent guidance issued by the Scottish Government on the use of face coverings in enclosed public spaces.

Nike Conference

“Health Protection Scotland (HPS), now part of Public Health Scotland, and Scottish Government were alerted by international public health authorities on 2 March 2020 of an individual who had tested positive for COVID-19 following their attendance at a conference for over 70 delegates in Edinburgh at the end of February.

“HPS set up an Incident Management Team (IMT), with representatives from Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies, to ensure all attendees were contacted and given appropriate public health advice. This included advice regarding self-isolation and contact tracing of any attendee showing symptoms of COVID-19.

“The conference organisers shared full details of all delegates which allowed the IMT to ensure contact tracing of all attendees. Close contacts of those individuals who tested positive were also contacted in each country.

“The initial case had recently travelled to a specified high risk country during their incubation period before attending this conference. All of the cases linked to this event were traced by their close contact with this case, or contact with conference delegates who tested positive after the event.

“The group at increased risk of COVID-19 were all identified and all contacts were traced, so public health authorities were satisfied that there was no further infection risk.

“Investigation revealed that a total of 25 cases within and outside the UK were confirmed to be linked to the event itself or were close contacts of attendees. Eight of these cases were resident in Scotland. All were contact traced and reported in details of the number of cases in Scotland at the time.

“NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council worked closely with the conference venue to ensure that all public health issues were addressed including advice for close contacts of delegates and infection prevention and control considerations.”

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For immediate release:

BBC Scotland’s disclosure reveals findings of an epidemiological study suggesting earlier lockdown in Scotland could have prevented 2000 deaths

More than 2,000 coronavirus deaths could have been prevented if Scotland had locked down two weeks earlier, according to a new study.

A team of epidemiological scientists at University of Edinburgh produced the findings, which feature in tonight’s BBC Scotland *Disclosure* investigation at 8.30 pm on BBC One Scotland.

They suggest the death rate in Scotland could have been reduced by 80% with earlier action. Experts also told *BBC Disclosure: Scotland’s Lockdown* the UK as a whole should have acted earlier.

The Scottish government said its actions had been guided by the best and most up-to-date scientific advice.

The BBC Disclosure programme also reveals there were multiple transmissions of the virus in Edinburgh in February, well before the first confirmed cases in Scotland, but this was not disclosed to the public.

And a Glasgow family has told of their devastation after three grandparents were taken by the virus.

Wendy Russell and her father, Dougie Chambers, were among several people who fell ill after her 40th birthday party on 7 March.

"I started to think this doesn't look good. When do you ever go to a party and five people all fall ill on the same day?" said Wendy.

Within days 66-year-old Dougie, who had an underlying health condition, went into hospital and tested positive for Covid-19. He died two weeks later.

Wendy's sister, Lynsey Chambers, said her nine-year-old daughter Anna was then faced with losing another two grandparents.

Lynsey's parents-in-law Andy and Mary Leaman, contracted the virus soon after the party. The couple, aged 73 and 72, died within days of each other.

Lynsey said: "For a nine-year-old girl whose three grandparents were her world... why does a wee girl need to get punished like that over and over again?"

The family say they believe the warnings about the coming pandemic should have been louder in early March.

Wendy said: "If we knew then what we know now, we wouldn't have had the party. It wouldn't have happened.

"And it's these things that keep you up at night."

News of Scotland's first confirmed coronavirus case, in Tayside, was announced on 2 March.

The BBC can reveal the virus had been brought to Scotland the week before.

An outbreak began in Edinburgh on 26 and 27 of February at a conference for the sportswear giant Nike. More than 70 employees from all over the world attended the conference at the Hilton Carlton Hotel.

One of the delegates from abroad brought the virus into Edinburgh and infected many of their fellow Nike employees, who then returned to their own countries. At least 25 people linked to this one event are confirmed to have been infected – eight of them resident in Scotland.

Health authorities in Scotland were aware of this potential outbreak by 2 March, but the public were not told about it. Nike closed many of its stores around the UK and worldwide for deep cleans.

Nike told the BBC it instigated enhanced measures, including contact tracing and increased cleaning and disinfection processes in their stores and offices, and that all its staff had now recovered.

The Scottish government confirmed health authorities were alerted to the potential outbreak on 2 March.

It said those at increased risk were identified, their close contacts were traced and public health authorities were satisfied there was no further infection risk.

Those cases resident in Scotland were reported in details of the number of cases in Scotland at the time.

The BBC spoke to one guest who had been staying at the hotel during the conference, who said he had been in close contact with numerous Nike delegates.

However, he said had not been contact traced by anyone from the Scottish health service to tell him about the risk.

Despite knowing the virus had been in Scotland since at least late February, Scotland did not ban mass gatherings until 16 March, or [go into lockdown](#) until 23 March - the same day as the restrictions were [announced by the UK government](#).

Scotland's own advisory panel - featuring Professor Devi Sridhar, chair of public health at Edinburgh University - was set up two days after the lockdown was introduced.

Prof Sridhar said there had "definitely" been more than enough information about the coming pandemic for action to have been taken much sooner across the UK.

She said: "We should have been acting by mid-February. We could see that this was not easily a virus to be contained."

Prof Dame Anne Glover, who is president of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the former chief scientific advisor to the Scottish government, said: "Mistakes have been made and that has resulted in lives being lost."

BBC Disclosure asked a team of epidemiological scientists at the University of Edinburgh to model what might have happened to Scotland's death rates if we had locked down sooner.

Prof Rowland Kao and his team developed a model which simulated the epidemiological behaviour of the Scottish population.

It was based on figures which were published by the National Records of Scotland last week, which said [a total of 2,795 people had died with a confirmed or suspected case of the virus](#).

Prof Kao ran simulations to see what would have happened to the spread of the virus if Scotland had locked down on 9 March. Link to study

here: https://www.ed.ac.uk/files/atoms/files/report_summary_-_model-based_evaluation_of_the_role_of_deprivation_on_deaths_due_to_covid-19_in_scotland.pdf.

Professor Kao said: "The question we're addressing here is what would have happened if rather than having lockdown on around 23 March, we'd done it about two weeks earlier.

"While... there's quite a bit of uncertainty in what the final outcome will be, all those [projections] are now substantially below what actually happened."

The model, while allowing for uncertainty, predicted the death toll would have been around 577 - about 80% lower than the actual total.

He added: "What that indicates to you is that these measures could have easily taken effect and reduced those death rates."

The Scottish government did not comment on the study's findings.

It said it has been guided at all times by the best and most up-to-date expert scientific and medical advice, working closely with governments across the UK.

BBC Disclosure: Scotland's Lockdown will be shown on BBC1 Scotland at 8:30 pm on Monday, and will be [available on the iPlayer](#).

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Subject: SG preparedness FMQ - Nike conference update.

PS FM,

As discussed with [redacted] I would be grateful if the attached updated FMQ note on SG preparedness could be forwarded to the First Minister.

With apologies for the update, the version in the folder from earlier has now been amended following further clarification from Health Protection Scotland on the timeline related to the Nike conference.

Specifically, we have clarified that the notification to HPS on the 2nd March was a notification of the outbreak at the Nike conference. It was not a notification of a positive Scottish test – that was confirmed on 3 March.

I have updated the FMQ accordingly and also included the latest version of the public facing timeline at Annex B. As such, if the First Minister was prepping this particular issue, this would be the appropriate version to use.

We will also ensure there is a paper copy on the First Minister's desk in the morning.

Thanks, and please let me know if there is any further clarification or update required.

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11 May: Nike conference: Disclosure Scotland reported on a conference held by Nike on 26 and 27 February in Edinburgh where an attendee from Amsterdam subsequently tested positive for coronavirus.

On Tuesday 3 March, HPS informed SG that one of the new Scottish cases that day related to the conference. They convened an incident management to seek more information. This involved Dutch and Irish health protection teams to allow them to undertake full contact tracing.

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- **11 May:** [Redacted- out of scope]

- **26 April:** [Redacted- out of scope]

- **ANNEX A** - [Redacted- out of scope]

DETAILED TIMELINE OF NIKE CONFERENCE AT ANNEX B

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NIKE CONFERENCE (*timeline at annex B*)

- There is a suggestion that there was knowledge of this outbreak at the point the conference was happening. That is not the case.
- We confirmed the first case in the whole of Scotland on 1 March. This was an individual in Tayside.
- Health Protection Scotland were alerted on 2 March that an individual overseas who had been at the conference had tested positive.
- On that date, there had been no positive cases in Scotland linked to the conference.

- The next day – 3 March - Health Protection Scotland recorded a positive case in Scotland of an individual who had been a conference delegate.
- That case and the details of the potential outbreak was confirmed to ministers on the evening of 3 March.
- Details of that case were then included in a news release we issued on 4 March and included on our normal case reporting schedule.

At the time, I asked whether we should be putting more information into the public domain

- The advice – which I accepted – was that it was not appropriate. One of the reasons for that was patient confidentiality.
- Had there been more information about that event put into the public domain that would not have changed the steps taken to protect public health.
- At the time, the numbers of cases remained low.
- That meant, to identify where any case contracted the virus could potentially have identified the patients concerned.

The most important thing at the time was the implementation of measures to protect public health

- Health Protection Scotland convened an incident management team meeting to undertake contact tracing.
- This included representatives from Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies.
- The aim was to ensure all attendees were contacted and given appropriate public health advice.
- This included advice regarding self-isolation and contact tracing of any attendee showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- The conference organisers shared full details of all delegates which allowed the incident management team to contact trace all attendees.
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ANNEX A - [Redacted- out of scope]

ANNEX B – NIKE CONFERENCE TIMELINE

Date	Event
Wed 26 to Thurs 27 Feb	Nike conference held in Edinburgh
Sunday 1 March	Scottish Government confirmed first case in Scotland in Tayside - https://www.gov.scot/news/coronavirus-covid-19/
Monday 2 March	<p>Health Protection Scotland were notified by international public health authorities that somebody who had been at the conference but had subsequently left Scotland had tested positive. HPS set up an Incident Management Team to contact attendees and give appropriate public health advice.</p> <p>NOTE: This notification was not a confirmation of a positive case in Scotland. That would only be done following receipt of a positive test result. There had been no positive test in Scotland linked to the Nike conference at this point.</p>
Tuesday 3 March	Health Protection Scotland notified the Scottish Government of two new cases following confirmation of laboratory results that morning. This notification was received too late to allow these cases to be included in the daily website update. That publication reports positive cases confirmed up to 0900 each day.

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Kind regards

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Colleagues

Dropping Ministers off for the moment. I've attached two outline drafts, and grateful for views as the Cabinet Secretary has asked for this before 10am tomorrow. The first is a very short note based on previous approaches that have been used, but the second is slightly more expansive highlighting that there has indeed been a consistent approach given that all contact cases have not divulged information that would lead to the identification of patients. By way of context the press release issued on Sunday 1 March (<https://www.gov.scot/news/coronavirus-covid-19/>) said "...*The patient is a resident of the Tayside area and has recently travelled from northern Italy*".

And in the press release on Wednesday the 4 March (<https://www.gov.scot/news/two-new-cases-of-coronavirus-covid-19/>) we said "...*One patient is resident in the Grampian area, the second patient is resident in the Ayrshire area. One patient has recently travelled to northern Italy and the other has had contact with a known positive case – this contact was not with the first positive case confirmed in Scotland.*"

I've copied others into this who may be able to enhance the patient confidentiality component here from the patient centred and participation team and Cabinet Secretariat colleagues who can advise on any procedural issues. I suspect SpADs will wish to consider the tone of any final draft.

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Just to confirm we have picked this up and we'll get a draft to you for
10am tomorrow. [redacted - Section 30(b)(i)]

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You may be aware that Neil Findlay raised a point of order at decision time this evening (transcript below) The Cabinet Secretary has therefore asked that our lines here acknowledge that point. We will also need to write to the Presiding Officer to apologise for the mistake and to ask that the official report is corrected. I have copied in [redacted] given his work on drafting answers and briefing for today's urgent question.

I would therefore be most grateful if our lines in response to the Times tweet could be updated to acknowledge this. **[redacted]**— I would then also be most grateful for confirmation that you/your team have picked this and if you could provide a draft letter to the Presiding Officer for the Cabinet Secretary's consideration by 10am tomorrow with the view that we will have written in advance of FMQs.

I hope this makes sense.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Lab):

On a point of order, Presiding Officer. I raise the matter reluctantly, after the debate that we have had, but I feel that I must. When she responded to my urgent question, referring to the first Covid patient in Scotland, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport said:

“In the first case, we said that the individual was a resident of Tayside and we believed that they had contracted the virus from travel in a country where the virus was present. We did not name the country. Our approach has been consistent in all this.”

However, on 1 March, before the Edinburgh Nike conference outbreak was recognised, the Scottish Government's website carried the statement:

“First positive case in Scotland: a patient has been diagnosed with coronavirus (Covid-19) in Scotland. The patient is a resident of Tayside and has recently travelled from northern Italy.”

The Government named the country: it has not been consistent and has treated the outbreak at the Hilton Edinburgh Carlton differently from the first outbreak in Tayside.

Will the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to correct the record? More important, will he ask her to explain why we have not seen consistency between the first case in Tayside, where patient confidentiality was clearly treated differently from the case in Edinburgh, where patient confidentiality was given as the reason why the news was not made public.

The Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh):

The issue is not a point of procedure for me to rule on; however, Neil Findlay has drawn the matter to the attention of the Government, and I am sure that the cabinet secretary will have taken note.

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To see suggestion below from SPADs as a line to take in response to the tweet by Mark McLaughlin from The Times.

Is the Cabinet Secretary content for this to issue?

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

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Subject: RE: Nike Conference - timeline

[redacted] is content with the timeline below

Best wishes

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Subject: RE: Nike Conference - timeline

[redacted]

I haven't heard back from you and have been unable to reach you or [redacted] on mobile this afternoon.

Given HPS provided this information initially and there are no further comments from policy, we will issue statement to media shortly with the below timeline.

[redacted]

Date	Event
Wed 26 to Thurs 27 Feb	Nike conference held in Edinburgh
Sunday 1 March	Scottish Government confirmed first case in Scotland in Tayside - https://www.gov.scot/news/coronavirus-covid-19/
Monday 2 March	<p>Health Protection Scotland were notified by international public health authorities that somebody who had been at the conference but had subsequently left Scotland had tested positive. HPS set up an Incident Management Team to contact attendees and give appropriate public health advice.</p> <p>NOTE: This notification was not a confirmation of a positive case in Scotland. That would only be done following receipt of a positive test result. There had been no positive test in Scotland linked to the Nike conference at this point.</p>
Tuesday 3 March	<p>Health Protection Scotland notified the Scottish Government of two new cases following confirmation of laboratory results that morning. This notification was received too late to allow these cases to be included in the daily website update. That publication reports positive cases confirmed up to 0900 each day.</p> <p>One of the new cases notified by HPS to the Scottish Government on 3 March was in Grampian. [Redacted section-38]</p> <p>Ministers were updated on the two new cases in the evening of Tuesday 3 March.</p>
Wednesday 4 March	<p>Scottish Government announced these two new cases had brought the total number of cases in Scotland to three. https://www.gov.scot/news/two-new-cases-of-coronavirus-covid-19/</p> <p>That news release also confirmed:</p> <p><i>One patient is resident in the Grampian area, the second patient is resident in the Ayrshire area. One patient has</i></p>

	<p><i>recently travelled to northern Italy and the other has had contact with a known positive case – this contact was not with the first positive case confirmed in Scotland.</i></p> <p>The news release also confirmed contact tracing was underway for these patients:</p> <p><i>Clinicians have begun contact tracing, the process of gathering details of the places they have visited and the people they have been in contact with.</i></p>
Thursday 5 March	FMQs – The First Minister announced 3 new cases, bringing total in Scotland to 6.

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Subject: RE: Nike Conference - timeline

Thanks will check with [redacted] at HPS>
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From: redacted <redacted@scotland.gsi.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** covid-19.policy@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 12 May 2020 15:40
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Subject: RE: Nike Conference - timeline

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I'm extending this to further colleagues involved.

Many thanks,

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Subject: Nike Conference - timeline

HPS/Policy,

SpAds have asked for a short factual note to be issued on the timeline around the Nike conference.

See updated statement below – grateful for urgent confirmation dates below are correct.

Thanks,
[redacted]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

On Monday 2 March, Health Protection Scotland (HPS) were alerted by international public health authorities regarding an individual who had tested positive for COVID-19 following their attendance at a conference for over 70 delegates in Edinburgh at the end of February.

The individual was not based in the UK and had tested positive on returning home, having previously been in an area at high risk of COVID-19.

HPS set up an Incident Management Team (IMT), with representatives from Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies, to ensure all attendees were contacted and given appropriate public health advice.

This included advice regarding self-isolation and contact tracing of any attendee showing symptoms of COVID-19.

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On Wednesday 4 March, this case was confirmed in a Scottish Government press release, in line with standard reporting procedures for confirmed COVID-19 cases at the time.

All individuals who had attended the conference were contact traced. The close contacts of cases in Scotland were also traced, as confirmed in the news release issued on 4 March.

All of the eight cases in Scotland associated with the event were included in the daily updates of positive case numbers reported at the time.

NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council worked closely with the conference venue to ensure that all public health issues were addressed including advice for close contacts of delegates and infection prevention and control considerations.

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From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 May 2020 13:12

To: Hutchison D (David) <david.hutchison@gov.scot>

Cc: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>

Subject: FM transcript on Nike conference

Davie,

CC Cab Sec Health.

FM asked that the transcript of her answer on the Nike conference be sent to Ms Freeman ahead of her urgent question. I am aware Ms Freeman watched proceedings, but see below for info.

I was satisfied then and am satisfied now that all appropriate steps were taken. Can I just be clear on one point and then answer the question more substantively. There is a suggestion that there was knowledge of that outbreak at the point the conference was happening. That is not the case. The knowledge of the cases associated with that event transpired when the cases that were then associated with that event began to be confirmed and reported through the Scottish reporting system. All of the cases associated with that event of people in Scotland were reported through our normal daily figures.

Health Protection Scotland established an incident management team. All appropriate contact tracing was done so all appropriate steps were taken in order to ensure that public health was being protected. Had there been more information about that event put into the public domain at that that would not have changed the steps that were taken to protect public health

At the time, I probed whether we should be putting more information into the public domain. The advice – which was advice I accepted – was that it was not appropriate. One of the reasons for that was patient confidentiality. At a time when the numbers of cases remained as low as they were to identify where any case contracted the virus could potentially have identified the patients concerned. That is the process

that was gone through – the most important thing is that all appropriate steps were taken there to make sure that the wider issues of public health were properly dealt with and public health was properly protected.

Hope this is helpful.

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From: redacted
Sent: 12 May 2020 12:36
To: Hutchison D (David) <david.hutchison@gov.scot>
Cc: Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>
Subject: Nike - FM ask

Davie – FM asked that JF has the transcript of what she will say in any answer to the Nike conference question. I will get that to you as soon as possible.

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Document reference 21

ISSUE: Material issued to media last night (12/5) on the Nike Conference

Statement on Edinburgh Nike conference

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:
“On Monday 2 March, Health Protection Scotland (HPS) were alerted by international public health authorities regarding an individual who had tested positive for COVID-19 following their attendance at a conference for over 70 delegates in Edinburgh at the end of February. The individual was not based in the UK and had tested positive on returning home, having previously been in an area at high risk of COVID-19.

HPS set up an Incident Management Team (IMT), with representatives from Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health

agencies, to ensure all attendees were contacted and given appropriate public health advice.

This included advice regarding self-isolation and contact tracing of any attendee showing symptoms of COVID-19.

On Tuesday 3 March HPS were notified that an individual in Scotland connected to that event had tested positive. Scottish Government ministers were also informed on the evening of 3 March.

On Wednesday 4 March, this case was confirmed in a Scottish Government press release, in line with standard reporting procedures for confirmed COVID-19 cases at the time.

All individuals who had attended the conference were contact traced. The close contacts of cases in Scotland were also traced, as confirmed in the news release issued on 4 March.

All of the eight cases in Scotland associated with the event have been included in the daily updates of positive case numbers and their contacts were traced. Only one case was identified in Lothian.

NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council worked closely with the conference venue to ensure that all public health issues were addressed including advice for close contacts of delegates and infection prevention and control considerations.”

Document reference 22

ISSUE: Lines on the sequencing of Covid-19 strain associated with Nike Conference

- **Top Lines**
 - Scientists working with Public Health Scotland have been conducting work on the molecular sequencing of some strains of the virus within Scotland.
 - One of those strains is the strain associated with the conference in Edinburgh.
 - That work is near completion and when concluded will show us whether or not it had a significant impact in Scotland – we will be able to see whether, as we believe it did, it led to just the small

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From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Sent: 16 May 2020 13:59

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>

Cc: DL SpAds Health Hub <DLECONPSHH@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>; Nicholson J (John) <John.Nicholson@gov.scot>; covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; DCMO Health COVID19 <DCMOHealth.COVID19@gov.scot>; Leitch J (Jason) <Jason.Leitch@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; HPScomms <phs.HPScomms@nhs.net>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@forestryandland.gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; Kleinberg D (Daniel) <Daniel.Kleinberg@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>; Connaghan J (John) (Health) <John.Connaghan2@gov.scot>; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing <MinisterPHSW@gov.scot>; Minister for Mental Health <MinisterMH@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: Media enquiry - immediate - Mail on Sunday - Nike Conference

PO

- The Mail on Sunday emailed with a query about the Nike Conference. Specifically, health protection procedures that were put in place to deal with the incident.
- Is the Cabinet Secretary content with the below SG statement that has been agreed with FM spad and health policy colleagues?

The reporter has requested our response **by 4pm today**.

[redacted]

[redacted]
SG duty comms

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“All appropriate steps were taken to ensure public health was protected. All of the cases linked to this event were assessed by their close contact, or contact with conference delegates who tested positive after the event so public health authorities were satisfied that there was minimal infection risk.

“NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council worked closely with the conference venue to provide advice for close contacts of delegates and infection prevention and control considerations. Given that there were cases in England, Public Health England was also part of the Incident Management team, which was provided with full details surrounding the circumstances of the infections.

“The Scottish Government has been entirely consistent in its handling and publication of information relating to positive cases of COVID-19 in Scotland.”

From: redacted <redacted@mailonsunday.co.uk>

Sent: 16 May 2020 10:16

To: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Subject:

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for our call just now.

As I mentioned, we are running this story in tomorrow's newspaper. May I have a response and clarification by 4pm today?

I have spoken to one person who works in the same building as Nike Glasgow (based in Buchanan Street, one of Scotland's busiest shopping districts).

His staff share a lift and some communal space with Nike Glasgow employees.

However, they were not told by either the Scottish Government or Nike about the possible coronavirus contagion. On W/C 9th march, their building underwent a deep clean, however they were not told why (by either the Scottish Government or Nike).

Shortly after this time, some of this gentleman's staff, who had been sharing lifts etc. with Nike staff from the time of the conference up until the deep clean in early March, developed coronavirus symptoms. He only found out about the outbreak on Monday.

I have also spoken to a kilt maker who fitted Nike delegates with kilts – thereby spending a lot of time in close proximity to them.

Shortly after this, one member of his staff with asthma developed coronavirus symptoms. More staff later developed similar symptoms. He too only found out about the outbreak on Monday.

Neither businesses were contact traced by anyone.

Critics fear that a lack of contact tracing meant that the virus was able to spread. If the outbreak had been spoken about publicly, perhaps these businesses would have known a possible reason why their staff developed symptoms.

A UK Gov source told me that the Department of Health was notified of two cases in early March in Scotland but were not told anything about a conference. They say it is the responsibility of the four nation's CMOs to tell the public about any outbreak.

It suggests Catherine Calderwood made the decision to not tell the public.

This has been described as a cover up and a national scandal.

Please may I have a comment and any clarification on the points raised.

Best wishes and thank you,

[redacted]

[redacted]

News Reporter



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From: Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>

Sent: 13 May 2020 19:45

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Subject: RE: Media - NIKE Conference - The Times, Daily Mail

Content thanks.

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Sent: 13 May 2020 19:15

To: Nicolson S (Stuart) Special Adviser <Stuart.Nicolson@gov.scot>; Smith G (Gregor) <Gregor.Smith@gov.scot>; MCMENAMIN, Jim (PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND) <jim.mcmenamin@nhs.net>; redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; HPScomms <phs.HPScomms@nhs.net>; Nicholson J (John) <John.Nicholson@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Media - NIKE Conference - The Times, Daily Mail

Stuart,

Yes – we confirmed eight were resident in Scotland in our original response to BBC Disclosure.

Added point on notification within 24 hours.

CMO/Jim/Stuart – if you are now content with these lines I will put to Cab Sec for clearance.

[redacted]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“The 25 **positive** cases linked to the conference, including the eight resident in Scotland, were all **confirmed** by Health Protection Scotland and national and international public health authorities by 9 March, within seven days of the first alert to HPS.”

“All confirmed cases in Scotland were reported within 24 hours of HPS being notified, as part of the daily report published on the Scottish Government’s website.”
– **Telegraph query**

“No further geographical breakdown will be provided to protect the confidentiality of the patients involved.”
– **Times query**

“Health Protection Scotland were alerted to the first case connected with the conference on 2 March. By that time between four and five days had passed since the end of the conference. Infection, prevention and control advice was that there was no urgent need to arrange for **decontamination, as coronavirus does not survive in the environment beyond 72 hours.**

“NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council subsequently made contact with the conference venue on 4 March to provide advice for close contacts of delegates and infection prevention and control considerations.”
- **Daily Mail**

From: redacted

Sent: 13 May 2020 14:59

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Subject: Media - NIKE Conference - The Times, Daily Mail

Importance: High

Hello all,

Further queries on actions around the Nike conference from the Daily Mail and The Times – see also Conservative quote in response to first query.

Assume both of these are for HPS to answer but I would be grateful for policy view and update on both questions ASAP.

Thank you,
[redacted]

QUERY

1. [redacted] – Daily Mail

As mentioned on the phone, I have spoken with Hilton hotels and am aware that they were not informed of the Nike outbreak until March 4...that's two days after Health Protection was informed.

I am aware that the first Scottish case was not confirmed until the evening of March 3 - but why did it take two days to inform the venue of the conference that there had been concerns over the virus.

I have copied in below a comment from the Tories, can you please respond?

Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative shadow health secretary–

“At a number of crucial stages the Scottish response to the Covid-19 outbreak appears to have been very slow and unresponsive.

“Given the extremely infectious nature of this virus, waiting two days before informing the hotel of a possible outbreak will have exposed a number of other people to the contagion.

“This simply exposes the very basic failure of test, trace and isolate.”

2. [redacted] – The Times

Yesterday, SG confirmed one case linked to Nike was Lothian. SG confirmed another case was Ayrshire or Grampian.

Can you please tell us which one. It seems inconsistent to confirm one case was Lothian, and leave the second case ambiguous like this.

Even better, can you tell us where all 8 cases were traced to? If you can confirm one in Lothian, why not all 8?

Document reference 27

From: MURRAY, Ian <ian.murray.mp@parliament.uk>

Sent: 13 May 2020 15:31

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Cc: redacted <redacted@parliament.uk>

Subject: COVID OUTBREAK IN EDINBURGH

Dear First Minister,

I hope you and your family are well.

Please find attached a letter in connection with the outbreak of Covid-19 at a hotel in central Edinburgh.

I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Ian Murray MP

Labour Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South

Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland

Constituency Office: 0131 662 4520

House of Commons: 0207 219 7064

Write: 31 Minto Street, Edinburgh, EH9 2BT

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Attachment:

[Section 25 applied to letter from Ian Murray MP – information in the public domain]

Document reference 28

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Sent: 14 May 2020 15:04

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Subject: RE: FOR INFO: Con/Lab NR - Nike Conference

[redacted]

I've attached the FMQ that was provided on the back of the NIKE activity. There are lines contained within this and I've included the statement that was issued on Tuesday evening. However, you will wish to see the letter FM received today from Mr Murray and our draft reply which is currently with SPADs.

In terms of the lines not included within the FMQ - the main one is:

- I absolutely refute any allegation that there was a cover up. We followed clinical advice not to release information that would run the risk of breaching patient confidentiality and if we had released information about this event, it would have done exactly that. This approach was consistent with other public health agencies who identified contacts that attended that event (in Ireland, England and Holland).

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“On Monday 2 March, Health Protection Scotland (HPS) were alerted by international public health authorities regarding an individual who had tested positive for COVID-19 following their attendance at a conference for over 70 delegates in Edinburgh at the end of February.

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Sent: 14 May 2020 14:25

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport <CabSecHS@gov.scot>

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Subject: FOR INFO: Con/Lab NR - Nike Conference

Importance: High

Cab Sec/PO Health,

For awareness – see comments from Ian Murray and Miles Briggs below on why mass gatherings were not cancelled after the Nike conference.

We will work with officials on lines but wanted to flag ahead of PQs this afternoon.

[redacted]

Ian Murray, Labour MP for Edinburgh South, said:

“This confirms the Scottish Government was aware of 25 positive cases linked to the Edinburgh conference, but covered up the details of the outbreak.

“Not only that, despite being fully aware of the outbreak by March 9, another week passed before mass gatherings were banned. On March 8, nearly 70,000 fans packed out Murrayfield for Scotland v France.

“The people of Edinburgh deserve answers from the First Minister about this cover-up and the questions are piling up.

“Were GPs and local health centres and hospitals informed? Were local businesses around the hotel informed? Were local elected members informed? Were the rugby authorities informed? Were the airport and train companies informed?”

“This is now a test of the Scottish Government’s honesty with the people of Scotland.”

Here’s a comment from Miles Briggs, Scottish Conservative shadow health secretary –

“This is a staggering admission which explains why the First Minister is so desperate to deny a cover-up.

“It’s now clear that the Scottish Government knew of 25 linked Covid cases to one single outbreak a week before banning mass gatherings.

“Yet again the SNP government has been caught asleep at the wheel while this virus was getting a flying start.

“It’s time for Nicola Sturgeon to start telling the truth. As an Lothian MSP I can tell you that is the very least people I represent expect.”

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ISSUE: 19 May: Various outlets report comments from a tour company that claims it showed Nike delegates around Edinburgh and wasn’t contact traced.

ISSUE: 18 May: Sky News reports that Lloyds Bank held an event in the same hotel as the Nike conference, sharing common areas with Nike delegates. The bank told Sky none of its staff had been traced.

ISSUE: 18 May: Ian Murray wrote stating that: patient confidentiality - as the reason to withhold information from the public - is unfounded in terms of law (*citing Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008 Section 117 (2) which states: "A relevant authority may disclose information held by it to any other person if the authority considers that it is necessary to do so for the purposes of, or in connection with, the protection of public health)* and that the decision not to disclose information was a matter of judgement about whether it was "necessary".

ISSUE: 18 May – Daily Mail reports employees from neighbouring business came down with Covid symptoms after coming into contact with conference delegates and suggests Ms Freeman is accused of pointing 'the finger of blame' at victims.

ISSUE: 15 May – Daily Mail reports hotel were only informed of possible outbreak two days after HPS was told a conference delegate tested positive for Covid-19.

ISSUE: 11 MAY - Disclosure Scotland reported on the conference held by Nike on 26 and 27 February in Edinburgh where an attendee from Amsterdam subsequently tested positive for Covid-19.

- All appropriate steps were taken to ensure public health was protected
- More than 60 contacts were traced in Scotland, and around 50 others were traced in England
- It is not for the Scottish Government to comment on the actions taken elsewhere.
- However Public Health England took the same approach to individuals' confidentiality. Public Health England were part of the IMT and were fully informed.
- Any questions in relation to the North East of England should be directed to the appropriate health authorities in England.
- It is not possible to be definitive at this stage to link any single event or patient with the spread of the virus. Work on genome sequencing should help with this but we know that there were already confirmed cases in the other parts of the UK when the Nike conference was taking place
- As we set out last week, detailed research is being conducted on the strain of the virus involved in the Nike conference,
- This will provide further information on whether, as we believe, the spread was contained through effective public health measures.
- The Scottish Government has been entirely consistent in its handling and publication of information relating to positive cases of COVID-19 in Scotland.
- There is a suggestion that there was knowledge of this outbreak at the point the conference was happening. That is not the case.
- We confirmed the first case in the whole of Scotland on 1 March. This was an individual in Tayside.
- Health Protection Scotland were alerted on 2 March that an individual overseas who had been at the conference had tested positive.
- On that date, there had been no positive cases in Scotland linked to the conference.

- The next day – 3 March - Health Protection Scotland recorded a positive case in Scotland of an individual who had been a conference delegate.
- That case and the details of the potential outbreak was confirmed to ministers on the evening of 3 March.
- Details of that case were then included in a news release we issued on 4 March and included on our normal case reporting schedule.
- Detailed discussions did not take place on every case by any of the four nations.
- There were already cases elsewhere in the UK and COBRA meetings were not used to talk through the detail of any of these.
- However, we know that our health protections teams across the four nations were in regular contact on all cases.

In a situation like this an incident management team is established made up of very experienced health professionals.

- That incident management team will do everything it thinks necessary to protect public health.
- It is their task to investigate the incident and decide what follow up is required in order to protect public health.
- As part of that, they will contact trace and in this case this involved tracing contacts internationally.
- It will have contacted people that met the definition of a contact.
- If they believed there were further actions necessary to protect public health, they would have taken them.
- In this case, one of the reasons more information was not put into the public domain was to do with patient confidentiality.
- This was a legitimate reason when case numbers were so low and numbers of attendees from Scotland were also so low.
- To have named the event would almost certainly have identified the patients.
- This decision would not influence how the incident management team deals with the incident from a public health perspective.
- However, it is also legitimate to question whether that should have been the overriding consideration.
- We will reflect on that and listen carefully to those views.
- As part of test, trace, isolate, we are considering what the balance of judgement between patient confidentiality and public information should be.

At the time, we asked whether we should be putting more information into the public domain

- The advice was that it was not appropriate. One of the reasons for that was patient confidentiality.
- Had there been more information about that event put into the public domain that would not have changed the steps taken to protect public health.

The key issue was (and is) the implementation of measures to protect public health

- Health Protection Scotland convened an incident management team meeting to undertake contact tracing.
- This included representatives from Scottish NHS Boards and national and international public health agencies.
- The aim was to ensure all attendees were contacted and given appropriate public health advice.
- Close contacts of those individuals who tested positive were also contacted in each country.
- At the time, the definition of a close contact was someone who had spent 15 minutes within 2m of the case while they were symptomatic.
- Our understanding of pre-symptomatic transmission has evolved and we now identify close contacts up to 48 hours before symptoms started.

Investigation revealed that a total of 25 cases within and outside the UK were confirmed to be linked to the event itself or were close contacts of attendees.

- Eight of these cases were resident in Scotland.
- All were contact traced and reported in details of the number of cases in Scotland at the time.
- NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council worked closely with the conference venue to ensure that all public health issues were addressed including information for delegates and infection control.
- Steps were then taken by respective health protection teams to provide follow up in the event these contacts started to display symptoms.