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Information regarding “any communications on the subject of the Nike conference from any source”

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Subject: RE: Nike kilt fitter/Lab NR - Edinburgh Live

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Hi all,

Another query on Nike – see news release below from a kilt-fitter who was in contact with delegates has spoken out about why she was not contacted as part of contact tracing.

Suggest re-issuing lines below but welcome views on whether we can say any more how contacts were identified/defined at the time.

Thanks,
[redacted]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Health Protection Scotland set up an Incident Management Team (IMT), with representatives from Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies, to undertake contact tracing and provide appropriate public health advice.

"The conference organisers shared full details of all delegates which allowed the IMT to ensure contact tracing of all attendees and anyone that met the definition of a contact. 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.

"The Scottish Government took careful advice on patient confidentiality in deciding what information to put into the public domain. 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.

"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."

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Subject: Fwd: NEWS: Nike Covid cover-up - kilt-fitter speaks out

Hi [redacted]

Looking to see if you have any response to the below, as discussed.

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Journalist**

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Begin forwarded message:

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NIKE COVID COVER-UP – KILT-FITTER SPEAKS OUT

An Edinburgh worker who fell ill after spending 75 minutes fitting kilts for delegates at the 'ground zero' Nike conference has spoken publicly for the first time.

Gillian Rainford revealed that failings to contact trace means she could have unwittingly spread coronavirus, and she has demanded answers in the wake of the decision to keep the outbreak secret from the public.

Her comments come on the eve of the Scottish Government's introduction of its test and protect launch.

Gillian asked: "Why did nobody contact me, or my colleagues, as part of tracking and tracing? Why was I never informed that I had been put at risk and potentially had the virus? This all happening whilst I was living my life as normal, mixing with family and friends, attending events and going on holiday abroad? Why?"

Gillian added: "Imagine if you were put in that situation? Imagine if it was one of your family that had been put in that position? How would you feel?"

The outbreak began in Edinburgh on February 26 and 27 at a conference for the sportswear giant Nike. More than 70 employees from all over the world attended the event at the Hilton Carlton Hotel, and at least 25 people were infected.

At least four companies with workers who came into close contact with

delegates have reported they were not told about the February outbreak, which is thought to be Scotland's COVID-19 'ground zero'.

It has also been reported that north east England's 'patient zero' attended the Edinburgh conference and the infection was then passed to a second person in Newcastle at a child's birthday party.

Ian Murray, Labour MP for Edinburgh South, said:

"I would like to thank Gillian for speaking out and talking about the unfair situation she has been put in.

"Her personal story exposes why the SNP Government made a fundamental error by deciding to cover-up this outbreak.

"Not only was Gillian ill after fitting delegates for kilts with no idea why, she was at risk of passing this on to relatives and the people she was in contact with.

"She deserves answers from Nicola Sturgeon. Why did you cover-up this outbreak, why did you keep people like Gillian in the dark, and why did your government not seek the help of the public so that people could be contact traced?

"This matter because as the government belatedly introduces its test, trace, isolate strategy, there are now questions about whether people can have faith in it."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/politics/edinburgh-kilt-maker-hired-covid-19-hit-nike-conference-reveals-government-did-not-try-trace-her-2865810>

Document 2

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Subject: redacted on Nike conference outbreak

Hello,

We've spoken to [redacted] of Aberdeen University about the coronavirus outbreak at the Nike conference in Edinburgh in February.

He's calling for the report into this to be published, saying outbreak reports like this are important in understanding how the virus spreads. He says without this we're "working in the dark" when it comes to coronavirus.

The professor said patient confidentiality could still be maintained and pointed out that other countries like New Zealand are publishing data on significant outbreaks (such as clusters of cases connected to a wedding or private function).

Would the Scottish Government consider releasing the report or is there any other comment on it?

Thanks,

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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,

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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**

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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?

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Subject: Nike, America

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for taking my call just now.

As I say, I'm sort of inquiring about something rather than asking for a comment.

I don't know if someone would be able to give me an off the record – but quotable - briefing about the following, but I would appreciate some guidance.

I was browsing the internet and came across an article from an American website about a Nike factory allegedly refusing entry to their factory to public health officials – despite having a number of confirmed covid cases.

From the article, it suggests that they even had one temporary Nike worker die from coronavirus. Yet when a public health official came to inspect the premises they were turned away.

With this Nike outbreak in Edinburgh, I think we have reasonably asked questions of the Scottish Government and what they knew, when and how much contact tracing was carried out etc.

But I wondered if we had missed something here.

Ms Freeman said when questioned on this that the public health authorities here could only know who to contact trace if they were told who had been in touch with Nike delegates.

Having read that American article, it has now got me thinking, has the Scottish Government/ Scottish public health authorities faced similar difficulties with Nike and transparency?

I certainly have found it incredibly difficult to get any kind of response from them.

Is this lack of transparency from Nike – for want of a better phrase – what Ms Freeman was alluding to?

It might explain why obvious contacts such as kilt makers were not contact traced.

As I say, I realise this might not be something the Scottish Government would be happy to put on record, but an off the record but quotable briefing would be very helpful.

The article is here: <https://www.propublica.org/article/nike-turned-away-a-public-health-official-from-its-warehouse-days-after-a-worker-with-covid-19-died>

Best wishes and take care,
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Subject: RE: Media - Nike Conference/NHS Lothian

Thanks [redacted]

To confirm, HPS has not been contacted by the Scotsman thus far.

Best wishes,
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Subject: Nike Conference/NHS Lothian

Hi redacted

Good to speak to you.

As discussed, FOI response from NHS Lothian attached, and I've added a quote from Ian Murray (naturally) for any political response you might want to add. **[Section 25 applied to FOI response from NHS Lothian – in public domain]**

As I said, main line for us is that there was no correspondence between Edinburgh City Council, Scot Gov and NHS Lothian on the topic of the outbreak at the Hilton Carlton Hotel.

It's our exclusive at the moment so we're holding it for Wednesday.

Ian said:

“This worrying revelation raises yet more questions about the cover-up of this city centre outbreak. If they don’t have this information, why not?”

“The Scottish Government should have ensured both NHS Lothian and the council were informed and communicating with each other as part of the urgent response to the outbreak. We need an inquiry to understand who knew what and when.”

“It’s becoming clearer that the SNP government was determined to keep people in the dark, preventing the public from using its judgement about attending events, and failing to use the public to help with contact tracing.”

“Nicola Sturgeon can’t just dismiss the public anger about her government’s actions – she needs to release a full report, own up to making a catastrophic mistake, and learn lessons as we start to ease lockdown.”

Best wishes,

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Best wishes,
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Document 7

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Yes thanks

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Subject: RE: Media - Nike contact tracing definition - Scotsman

Thanks, Liz. Given the time, are you content for this to go on SpAd clearance and sent to FM/Health Sec for info?

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“As the First Minister has previously said, the incident management team (IMT) established around the conference was comprised of very experienced public health professionals.

“The IMT 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 everyone who met the definition of a contact. At the time, the definition of a close contact was someone who had spent 15 minutes within two metres of someone who tested positive, while they were symptomatic.

“This contact definition, agreed by the four nations’ public health authorities and informed by the latest scientific evidence at the time, was used while contact tracing was undertaken in Scotland until 12 March, when we moved to the delay phase.

“Contact tracing restarted in Scotland on 18 May with trials using a new contact definition, informed by the latest international evidence, of up to 48 hours prior to symptoms starting, to up to seven days after onset.

“This approach is consistent with the European Centre for Disease Prevention & Control (ECDC) and Public Health England (PHE) and will be used in contact tracing under the Test and Protect system.”

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Subject: Media - Nike contact tracing definition - Scotsman

Importance: High

Hi all,

See query below on contact tracing definitions, and how the tour guides / kilt-fitter did not meet those definitions at the time.

In terms of providing a response tonight, I'd be very grateful for views on the proposed line below.

Re guidance, can I check that what's changed is the fact that the 2m+/15m rule now applies to close contacts up to 48 hours prior to symptoms starting – rather than just those who were symptomatic?

If that is the key difference (and why tour guides / kilt-fitters were not defined as contacts), can we define when this guidance was changed, and was it done at a WHO/UK-level?

Happy to discuss over phone if easier – [redacted]

Thanks,
[redacted]

QUERY

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That suggests that this guidance WASN'T in place for those who did the contact tracing after the Nike outbreak. So has it been changed as a result of that? And is it now the case the government accept the contact tracing done then wasn't rigorous enough?

LINE TO TAKE

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“As the First Minister has previously said, the incident management team (IMT) established around the conference was comprised of very experienced public health professionals.

“That IMT 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 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.

“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 there was minimal infection risk and did not consider it necessary to issue a public health notice.”

BACKGROUND

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.

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redacted | Senior Media Manager | Scottish Government

M: redacted

Hi [redacted]

So I have some questions about what was said by the CMO at the briefing.

He said there were three levels of contact which would result in someone needing to be traced and contacted if they'd been in contact with someone testing positive.

* those who form a household, in terms of families living together, or sharing communal facilities like kitchens

* second is face to face - if you've had any contact with someone within one metre for any length of time, not walked past them in the street but face-to-face/poss physical contact

*if you've been within two metres of someone for 15mins +

Now this was laid out in response to questions about the Nike conference and those who have since come forward saying they had been in contact with the delegates and then had been ill themselves.

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Thanks

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I work Monday to Thursday.

Document 8

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. **[Section 25 applied to letter – information in the public domain]**

I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Ian Murray MP

Labour Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South
Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland
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House of Commons: 0207 219 7064
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Document 9

From: redacted <redacted@parliament.scot> **On Behalf Of** Briggs M (Miles), MSP
Sent: 19 May 2020 16:52
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: Nike conference in Edinburgh

Dear First Minister,

I write to you to seek clarity on key issues of public concern related to the Nike conference in Edinburgh in February which saw a Covid-19 outbreak.

In the interests of transparency can you please confirm:

- How many delegates were contacted when the outbreak became known, here or abroad?
- How many contacts were listed for each of these delegates?
- How many of these contacts were notified? And when?
- What reports were provided to Ministers by the public health experts involved about the outbreak and contact tracing and whether these reports will be published?

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Miles Briggs MSP

Document 10

From: redacted <redacted@nhs.net>

Sent: 12 May 2020 17:46

To: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted@nhs.net>; covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; HPScomms <redacted@nhs.net>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; Nicholson J (John) <John.Nicholson@gov.scot>

Cc: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; News Desk <Newsdesk@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Nike Conference - timeline

[redacted] is content with the timeline below

Best wishes

[redacted]

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 May 2020 17:30

To: redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; redacted@nhs.net>; covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>; HPScomms <redacted@nhs.net>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; Nicholson J (John) <John.Nicholson@gov.scot>

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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	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>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 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>
<p>Thursday 5 March</p>	<p>FMQs – The First Minister announced 3 new cases, bringing total in Scotland to 6.</p>

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M: redacted

From: redacted <redacted@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 May 2020 15:38

To: HPScomms <redacted@nhs.net>; covid-19 Policy <covid-19.policy@gov.scot>

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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.

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 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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M: redacted

Document 11

LETTER TO MILES BRIGGS

Further to your letter of 19 May regarding the Nike conference in Edinburgh and the subsequent contact tracing that took place.

Before I answer your questions, let me share some background information about the timeline of events after the conference.

Health Protection Scotland (HPS), now part of Public Health Scotland, were alerted by international public health authorities on 2 March 2020 of an individual from outwith Scotland who had tested positive for COVID-19 on returning to their country of residence, following their attendance at a conference attended by 70 delegates in Edinburgh on the 26 and 27 February. The individual had travelled to an area of high

Covid risk, prior to travelling to Edinburgh, and travelled back to their country of residence prior to taking a test. Neither the Scottish Government, Health Protection Scotland or the NHS Health Board were aware of this at the time.

Following notification of an individual subsequently testing positive that had recently attended the conference, HPS established an Incident Management Team (IMT), which included representatives from the respective Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies representing the countries who had delegates at the conference. One of the purposes of this IMT was to ensure that international contact tracing efforts could be undertaken.

In addition conference organisers, alerted to that initial test result, shared information with all attendees advising them to self-isolate and provided advice on the symptoms to look out for.

On 3 March 2020 a positive test result was obtained from an individual in Scotland who had attended this event. That individual had followed the advice they had received on self-isolation.

Ministers were informed of the positive test on the evening of the 3rd March and it was reported in line with the standard reporting procedure established for Covid-19, at 2pm the following day.

As with all early cases, the Scottish Government sought to protect patient confidentiality, whilst also providing information on the health board area where an individual had tested positive and how they came into contact with the virus, as we did with all initial cases.

This was particularly important to ensure public understanding that these were not cases of community transmission, but that those within Scotland who contracted coronavirus, had done so via contact with cases from known sources – e.g. through contact with individuals who had been in high risk areas and tested positive or travel to a high risk area directly.

I am able to provide information on the contact tracing position in Scotland. Not only where those who had contact with the initial international case contact traced, but the contacts of those who subsequently tested positive in Scotland were also traced. I understand that through this process a total of eight Scottish residents were identified who subsequently tested positive for Covid-19 in association with the conference. To put this into context, I understand that 68 individuals were identified and traced from these cases based on a clinical assessment of being a contact. Further information on the approach taken and activity undertaken will be included within the Incident Management Team report which is currently in preparation.

Further information about the Scottish Government's contact tracing approach can be found in our [Coronavirus: test, trace, isolate support strategy](#) which was published on 4 May 2020. The document sets out the Scottish approach to 'test, trace and isolate, support' and the work being done to prepare for its implementation.

END

LETTER TO RUTH DAVIDSON

I am writing to respond to your questions regarding the Covid-19 outbreak at the Nike conference and the subsequent contact tracing that took place.

When responding to this outbreak, HPS established an Incident Management Team (IMT), which included representatives from the respective Scottish NHS boards and national and international public health agencies representing the countries who had delegates at the conference. One of the purposes of this IMT was to ensure that international contact tracing efforts could be undertaken.

Contact tracing is a clinically led activity and I can confirm that the relevant NHS health board deployed the level of contact tracers they felt appropriate to support the IMT response. I understand that through this process a total of eight Scottish residents were identified who subsequently tested positive for Covid-19 in association with the conference. To put this into context, I understand that 68 individuals were identified and traced from these cases based on a clinical assessment of being a contact. Further information on the approach taken and activity undertaken will be included within the Incident Management Team report which is currently in preparation.

Further information about the Scottish Government's contact tracing approach can be found in our Coronavirus: test trace and isolate strategy which was published on 4 May 2020 at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-trace-isolate-support/>. The document sets out the Scottish approach to 'test, trace and isolate, support' and the work being done to prepare for its implementation.

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Document 12

From: redacted

Sent: 25 May 2020 17:01

To: redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; covid-19 Policy <redacted@gov.scot>; Kleinberg D (Daniel) <redacted@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; Nicholson J (John) <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; 'HPScomms' <redacted@nhs.net>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; Covid-19 Health Comms <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; redacted <redacted@gov.scot>; 'redacted@scotland.gsi.gov.uk' <redacted@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; redacted@scotland.gsi.gov.uk <redacted@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; redacted <redacted@nhs.net>; Communications Covid-19 <redacted@gov.scot>; SG CoronaVirus <redacted@gov.scot>

Subject: FOR REVIEW - Media query - The Times

All,

We have received detailed questions (below) from The Times, following today's FM briefing, regarding Scottish Government actions to address coronavirus in early March. I have

drafted a short response to the first as a starting point for comment but would appreciate input for questions 2 and 3. Responses by 18:00 if possible please.

Thanks
[redacted]

QUESTION 1:

[out of scope]

QUESTION 2:

[out of scope]

QUESTION 3:

On May 7, the FM said Scotland was not following England out of lockdown was because “our first cases came later than England’s and so we may be at a different – and slightly later - stage of the infection curve”

Yesterday, we learned the first case in the North of England travelled down from the Nike Conference in Scotland.

The North of England still had the highest death rate per head in the UK at last count by ONS.

58 delegates returned to England and Ireland. Nike conducted deep cleans in stores and factories throughout England and in Holland.

Can you tell me how many positive cases in England and Ireland were traced back to the Nike Conference.

redacted
Senior Media Manager

Document 13

Correspondence from member of the public:

On Wed, 20 May 2020, 16:12 [redacted]
<redacted@gmail.com> wrote:

to whom it may concern.

as you are fully aware I have been regularly contacting you regarding the hospitality trade and the high risk of reopening too soon. now it has recently been revealed in the media about the Nike conference , proving my exact point . not only are the public at risk but the staff in these establishments especially those who work between various outlets in the same group. example my

husband going in and out of 6 venues belonging to a group based in Edinburgh all the time including just before the lock down up until the 22nd march.
this virus will be spread like wildfire the moment you allow them to reopen because the staff cannot and will not social distance . behind the scenes they will do exactly what they want. I eagerly await your response to clarify we will not be like england and think just of the economy rather than the lives of families of people in this industry

Document 14

From: redacted@sky.com <redacted@sky.com>
Sent: 19 May 2020 17:23
To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>
Subject: Fw: Disclosure episode, Scotland's Lockdown

Dear Ms Freeman,

Further to the broadcast Disclosure episode, Scotland's Lockdown on Monday evening, I would like to advise you that [redacted] stayed at the Hilton Carlton Hotel arriving around lunchtime on February 26th and departing the same time the following day, February 27th and have had no contact from health officials.

I would also like to advise that my husband took ill on [redacted] . He had blood and stool samples taken but was never tested for Covid 19.

After watching the documentary I am now concerned that he may have contracted Covid 19 during our stay at the Hilton as we now know that digestive symptoms are now connected with Covid 19.

I would also like to advise that my daughter was admitted to Hospital on [redacted] and remained there for three days.

I would like to ask the question as to why guests staying at the Hilton during this period were never contacted, we came into contact with a number of delegates from this conference and have yet to hear from any health officials.

I am now extremely concerned that my husband may have had Covid 19 and we had been in a hospital setting for almost three days, with the potential to spread this deadly virus.

I would like to ask the question why guests of the hotel were never contact traced as you state this was your policy during this period.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

10 June 2020

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 May, to Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, regarding COVID-19. Scottish Ministers receive a large amount of correspondence and I hope that you will understand that as much as they would like to, it is not always possible for them to reply personally to each case.

I have therefore been asked to respond to you on behalf of Ms Freeman and would like to begin by apologising for the delay in my response. I understand the concerns you have raised in your correspondence and hope that your husband and daughter have recovered.

The Scottish Government worked alongside NHS National Services Scotland and the relevant Health Care professionals to ensure that the appropriate steps were taken at the time to ensure public health was protected and that more than 60 contacts were traced.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

COVID-19 Policy Response Team

On Wednesday, 10 June 2020, 16:57:14 BST, redacted@sky.com <redacted@sky.com> wrote:

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your reply but unfortunately it is not helpful in the slightest.

As I have explained in my letter I would like to know why we were not contacted or traced as we were mixing with the delegates at this conference.

To say that you have contacted 60 people means absolutely nothing in connection with our particular circumstances, as I have explained my husband was extremely unwell for almost five weeks after this visit, which is too much of a coincidence.

I trust you will look into my case further and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Document 15

From: [redacted] <redacted@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 2:20:26 PM
To: Sturgeon N (Nicola), MSP <Nicola.Sturgeon.msp@parliament.scot>
Cc: Jackson.Carlaw.msp@parliament <Jackson.Carlaw.msp@parliament>;
Willie.Rennie.msp@parliament <Willie.Rennie.msp@parliament>;
Richard.Leanord.msp@parliament <Richard.Leanord.msp@parliament>
Subject: Covid pandemic

First Minister,

Due to the recent revelations regarding the positive testing of delegates at the Nike conference and the handling of the care home Covid cases I feel that the people of Scotland should have answers as to why the information was not made public.

I had a good friend who died of Covid, he was [redacted] and it was heart breaking to view his funeral via video to see his widowed wife grieving alone while his family sat apart, his brother and sisters apart in the chapel, not being able to console with a hug and encouraging words after the ceremony was as I said heart breaking. I believe that if the outbreak was made public and the correct contact tracing measures were carried out would still be here, for that reason alone the people should have answers as to why family, friends and loved ones passed away and lessons learned. I trust that the Carbon copied recipients will continue to request/demand that a thorough enquiry is carried out so the people of Scotland to whom you all represent know the truth, no excuses no cover ups the truth,

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Document 16

From: [redacted] <redacted@codemove.com>
Sent: 18 May 2020 15:16
To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>
Subject: Covid outbreak

FAO Jeane Freeman MSP

Dear Mrs Freeman,

I read with interest that the papers are commenting that the Nike conference in February could be the ground zero. This is ridiculous. One of my sons at [redacted] had typical Covid symptoms around the 3rd week of December. It was during his exams so he went to the doctor to see if he could get something to help with the fever, breathing issue, and cough. The doctor could not diagnose the problem and suggested it might be pluerosy. I am not a doctor but I know this would not be a normal diagnosis. He recovered after a few days.

He is taking a [redacted].

My daughter, also st [redacted] had similar symptoms early in February for a few days.

Both are healthy and do not get cold and flue normally.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted@codemove.com]

Our Reference: [redacted]

Your Reference: Covid outbreak

30 May 2020

Dear Mr [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 18 May. As you will appreciate we are receiving a huge volume of correspondence right now so I am replying on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary.

You are certainly correct that the media have and continue to take a great interest in the Nike Conference. As a result we have looked closely into the matter and it does appear that any cases from that event did not spread to the wider population.

You mention the situation with your son but actually there was an officially recorded positive case of COVID-19 in Tayside that preceded the Nike conference and this is a matter of public record. As you say, there may well have been other cases in the population before this but without proper tests, we will not know for sure.

As we are learning more about the virus, we are (like other countries) now starting to look back at those early days to understand the path that the virus took so that we can better understand its development.

I hope that your son and daughter are now well.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

HIE : Creating Health

Document 17

Jeane Freeman MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport
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EH1 3DG

Our Ref: AC1897

19 May 2020

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

NIKE CONFERENCE – CARLTON HOTEL, EDINBURGH – 26/27 FEBRUARY 2020

As the constituency MSP for Almond Valley, I would appreciate further information regarding the Nike Store in Livingston, West Lothian following recent reports of staff contracting Covid-19 after attending the above Nike Conference held in Edinburgh. I would be grateful if you or the contact tracing team can advise if any staff from the Nike Superstore in Livingston attended the conference? If so, what follow up action was considered necessary and why? More specifically was there a need to contact Livingston staff and was there a deep clean of the store? Finally, were any of these staff tested for the coronavirus?

I await your response in early course.

Kindest Regards
Angela Constance MSP

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