



Briefing Note 50 - COVID-19 Guidance As at 09:00 Thursday 7th May 2020

A. Headline announcements on Wednesday 6th May 2020

Item

- A1 [Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021](#)
- A2 [New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing](#)
- A3 [25 local council leaders pledge to continue vital residential building safety work](#)
- A4 [New funding to support dairy farmers](#)
- A5 [New dedicated app for social care workers launched](#)
- A6 [Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England](#)
- A7 [Communities Secretary's statement at 5pm media briefing](#)

B. Data sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used to support the daily ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 30,076 \(+649\) \(b\) positive tests 201,101 \(+6,111\)](#)
- B3 [UK government COVID-19 data tracker](#)
- B4 [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\): analysis of COVID-19 data](#)

C. Commentary

This is the 50th daily briefing note. The first was issued seven weeks ago on Thursday 19th March 2020, four days before the Prime Minister issued his social distancing and stay-at-home instructions. Reported UK deaths then stood (on 18th March) at 104 and yesterday that figure passed 30,000. We look forward to hearing the Prime Minister's announcement to be made on Sunday 10th May as to how the UK government will approach the next phase of the pandemic.

A new dedicated app for the adult social care workforce in England has been launched to support staff on-the-go through the coronavirus pandemic. The [Care Workforce app](#), developed with NHSX and the NHS Business Services Authority, will be introduced under the new CARE brand and will act as a single digital hub for social care workers.



Annex

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE ISSUED OR UPDATED
Adult social care		
R1	<u>Home care provision</u>	06/04/2020
R2	<u>Changes to Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care</u>	01/04/2020
R3	<u>How to work safely in care homes</u>	27/04/2020
Business and other venues – directions to close		
R4	<u>Closing certain businesses and venues</u>	09/04/2020
R5	<u>Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</u>	04/04/2020
R6	<u>Guidance for closing certain businesses</u>	27/03/2020
Business support and employment		
R7	<u>Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</u>	07/04/2020
R8	<u>Financial help for the self-employed</u>	26/03/2020
R9	<u>Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?</u>	30/04/2020
R10	<u>Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u>	30/04/2020
R11	<u>Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5</u>	24/04/2020
R12	<u>Business support – Frequently Asked Questions</u>	Website
R13	<u>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5</u>	24/04/2020
R14	<u>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities</u>	02/04/2020
R15	<u>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</u>	24/04/2020
R16	<u>Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England</u>	03/05/2020
R17	<u>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</u>	17/04/2020
R18	<u>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020</u>	07/04/2020
R19	<u>Guidance for local authorities on implementing the hardship fund</u>	March 2020
R20	<u>Step-by-step guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme</u>	April 2020
R21	<u>Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’</u>	19/04/2020
R22	<u>Online support tool for employers and the self-employed</u>	Website
R23	<u>Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding</u>	01/05/2020



R24	<u>Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme arrangements</u>	01/05/2020
R25	<u>Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders</u>	01/05/2020
R26	<u>Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses</u>	02/05/2020
R27	<u>Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours</u>	04/05/2020
R28	<u>How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan</u>	04/05/2020
Children and young people		
R29	<u>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</u>	19/04/2020
R30	<u>Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children</u>	21/04/2020
R31	<u>Guidance for children’s social care services</u>	06/05/2020
Construction sites		
R32	<u>Construction site operating procedures – version 3</u>	14/04/2020
Deaths and bereavement		
R33	<u>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals</u>	20/04/2020
R34	<u>Directions to councils in England to allow family members to attend funerals</u>	17/04/2020
R35	<u>Statutory guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u>	April 2020
R36	<u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u>	19/04/2020
R37	<u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u>	21/04/2020
R38	<u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u>	April 2020
R39	<u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u>	29/04/2020
R40	<u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u>	29/04/2020
R41	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u>	26/03/2020
R42	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u>	27/03/2020
R43	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u>	30/03/2020
R44	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u>	28/04/2020
R45	<u>Verification of deaths in times of emergency</u>	06/05/2020
Education settings and vocational training		
R46	<u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u>	04/05/2020
R47	<u>Information for parents and carers about schools & other educational settings</u>	01/05/2020
R48	<u>Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</u>	19/04/2020
R49	<u>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</u>	28/04/2020
R50	<u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</u>	27/03/2020
R51	<u>Guidance on maintaining further education</u>	24/04/2020



R52	<u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u>	April 2020
R53	<u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades</u>	April 2020
R54	<u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</u>	30/04/2020
R55	<u>Free school meals guidance</u>	30/04/2020
R56	<u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u>	24/04/2020
R57	<u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u>	07/04/2020
R58	<u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u>	01/05/2020
R59	<u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u>	19/04/2020
R60	<u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u>	01/05/2020
R61	<u>Actions for higher education providers and support for universities & students</u>	04/05/2020
R62	<u>International travel advice for educational settings</u>	05/05/2020
R63	<u>Awarding qualifications in 2020: Ofqual update following consultation</u>	06/05/2020
R64	<u>School attendance of children and teachers since 23rd March 2020</u>	06/05/2020
R65	<u>Examples of remote education practice from schools & academies in England</u>	06/05/2020
R66	<u>Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</u>	Website
R67	<u>BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</u>	Website
Food hygiene		
R68	<u>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</u>	25/04/2020
Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance		
R69	<u>Glossary</u>	27/04/2020
Healthcare professionals and hospital settings		
R70	<u>Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)</u>	29/04/2020
R71	<u>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</u>	27/04/2020
R72	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital</u>	23/04/2020
R73	<u>Guidance for ambulance trusts</u>	11/04/2020
R74	<u>Guidance for first responders</u>	24/03/2020
R75	<u>Guidance for taking swab samples</u>	23/04/2020
R76	<u>Infection prevention and control</u>	27/04/2020
R77	<u>Healthcare support workers required at London NHS Nightingale Hospital</u>	Website
R78	<u>Hospital discharge service requirements</u>	19/03/2020
R79	<u>Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home</u>	23/04/2020



Homecare (domiciliary care)		
R80	<u>PPE for care workers delivering home care in England</u>	30/04/2020
R81	<u>Putting on PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
R82	<u>Taking off PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
International		
R83	<u>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</u>	24/04/2020
R84	<u>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</u>	12/04/2020
R85	<u>PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally</u>	05/05/2020
R86	<u>How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan abroad</u>	26/06/2018
Laboratories		
R87	<u>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</u>	09/04/2020
Laws and regulations		
R88	<u>Coronavirus Act 2020</u>	25/03/2020
R89	<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u>	10/02/2020
R90	<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</u>	26/03/2020
R91	<u>Domestic Abuse Bill</u>	03/03/2020
Local authorities		
R92	<u>Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</u>	March 2020
R93	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u>	07/04/2020
R94	<u>Postponement of elections</u>	06/04/2020
R95	<u>Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</u>	01/05/2020
R96	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u>	06/05/2020
Medicines and healthcare products		
R97	<u>Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</u>	06/05/2020
Mental health		
R98	<u>Mental health helplines</u>	March 2020
R99	<u>Support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</u>	31/03/2020
R100	<u>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</u>	March 2020
R101	<u>Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</u>	09/04/2020
Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)		
R102	<u>Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</u>	30/04/2020

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Personal protective equipment (PPE)		
R104	<u>PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</u>	10/04/2020
R105	<u>PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</u>	08/04/2020
R106	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</u>	23/04/2020
R107	<u>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</u>	18/04/2020
R108	<u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</u>	10/04/2020
R109	<u>VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)</u>	01/05/2020
Procurement policy guidance to public bodies		
R110	<u>Payment to suppliers of public bodies</u>	17/04/2020
Public information		
R111	<u>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</u>	03/03/2020
R112	<u>NHS health advice for everyone</u>	March 2020
R113	<u>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u>	28/04/2020
R114	<u>Call for evidence by parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee</u>	30/03/2020
R115	<u>Prime Minister’s letter to the nation</u>	23/03/2020
R116	<u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u>	23/03/2020
R117	<u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u>	April 2020
R118	<u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u>	01/05/2020
R119	<u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’</u>	01/02/2020
R120	<u>British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH</u>	Website
R121	<u>Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society</u>	02/05/2020
R122	<u>List of critical workers who can send their children to school</u>	06/05/2020
Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project		
R123	<u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u>	April 2020
Renting and landlords		
R124	<u>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities</u>	28/03/2020
Restoration of NHS services		
R125	<u>Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020</u>	01/05/2020
Rough sleepers		
R126	<u>Dame Louise Casey to lead government specialist task force on rough sleeping</u>	02/05/2020
Scientific advice		
R127	<u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</u>	Website



R128	<u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) membership</u>	05/05/2020
R129	<u>Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response</u>	06/05/2020
Security		
R130	<u>Guidance on cyber security and home working</u>	02/04/2020
R131	<u>'Silent Solution' - contacting the police by mobile phone if you cannot speak</u>	07/04/2019
R132	<u>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary</u>	11/04/2020
R133	<u>Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ</u>	03/04/2020
R134	<u>Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online</u>	Website
Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)		
R135	<u>Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)</u>	01/05/2020
R136	<u>Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</u>	17/04/2020
R137	<u>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people</u>	March 2020
R138	<u>How to help safely: guidance</u>	23/04/2020
Testing and vaccines		
R139	<u>Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus</u>	Website
R140	<u>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes</u>	Website
R141	<u>Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</u>	03/04/2020
R142	<u>Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms</u>	29/04/2020
R143	<u>Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms</u>	29/04/2020
R144	<u>Mobile testing units to test frontline workers</u>	29/04/2020
R145	<u>Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative</u>	26/04/2020
R146	<u>Testing for coronavirus: privacy information</u>	30/04/2020
R147	<u>Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight</u>	04/05/2020
Transport and travel		
R148	<u>Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK</u>	22/03/2020
R149	<u>Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust</u>	22/03/2020
R150	<u>Government data sources and methodology for gathering transport use data</u>	Website
R151	<u>Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance</u>	22/04/2020
Trials and volunteers		
R152	<u>Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app</u>	Website



World Health Organisation

R153 [World Health Organisation](#) Website

VE Day 75th Anniversary: Friday 8th May 2020

R154 [VE Day 75th Anniversary: Friday 8th May 2020: Royal British Legion Livestream](#) 04/05/2020

R155 [VE Day 75th Anniversary toolkit for home and online commemorations](#) 04/05/2020