



## Briefing Note 29 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### A. Headline developments announced on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Item		Source
A1	Adult Social Care Action Plan: How the government will support the adult social care sector in England	<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879639/covid-19-adult-social-care-action-plan.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879639/covid-19-adult-social-care-action-plan.pdf</a>
A2	All care home residents and social care staff with COVID-19 symptoms will be tested as capacity is built up	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-offer-testing-for-everyone-who-needs-one-in-social-care-settings">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-offer-testing-for-everyone-who-needs-one-in-social-care-settings</a>
A3	Ofqual consultation document on exceptional arrangements for exam grading and assessment in 2020	<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879627/Exceptional_arrangements_for_exam_grading_and_assessment_in_2020.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879627/Exceptional_arrangements_for_exam_grading_and_assessment_in_2020.pdf</a>
A4	Ofqual consultation arrangements and link to <b>completing the online response</b> : closing date 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 11.45 am	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-exam-grading-and-assessment-in-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exceptional-arrangements-for-exam-grading-and-assessment-in-2020</a>
A5	Data sources and methodology for gathering and analysing transport data used at daily press briefings	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-transport-data-methodology-note/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-transport-data-methodology-note/</a>
A6	Coronavirus leaflet: Easy read English version	<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879412/coronavirus-leaflet-easy-read.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879412/coronavirus-leaflet-easy-read.pdf</a>
A7	Presentation slides and datasets used to support the ministerial press briefing on Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-15-april-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-15-april-2020</a>
A8	<b>UK statistics</b> : 12,868 dead (+761) 98,476 tested positive (+4,605)	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public</a>
A9	UK government COVID-19 data tracker	<a href="https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/">https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/</a>
A10	<b>Office for National Statistics (ONS)</b> : data and analysis on COVID-19 in the UK and its effect on the economy and society	<a href="https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases">https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases</a>



**B. Key Sources of Government Advice**

Document	
B1	<b>Glossary of terms used in government guidance</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/glossary-of-terms">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/glossary-of-terms</a>
B2	<b>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869827/Coronavirus_action_plan_-_a_guide_to_what_you_can_expect_across_the_UK.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869827/Coronavirus_action_plan_-_a_guide_to_what_you_can_expect_across_the_UK.pdf</a>
B3	<b>World Health Organisation</b> <a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019</a>
B4	<b>NHS health advice for everyone</b> <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>
B5	<b>Mental health helplines</b> <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/</a>
B6	<b>Essential travel guidance</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-essential-travel-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-essential-travel-guidance</a>
B7	<b>Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK and for vulnerable people</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/</a>
B8	<b>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings</a>
B9	<b>Guidance for schools and local authorities on maintaining educational provision</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/</a>
B10	<b>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response">https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response</a>
B11	<b>Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</a>
B12	<b>Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/</a>
B13	<b>Guidance on home care provision</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance/covid-19-guidance-on-home-care-provision">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance/covid-19-guidance-on-home-care-provision</a>



B14	<p><b>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/</a></p>
B15	<p><b>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing</a></p>
B16	<p><b>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance</a></p>
B17	<p><b>Guidance for parents and carers - supporting children &amp; young people's mental health</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/</a></p>
B18	<p><b>Coronavirus Act 2020</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/7/pdfs/ukpga_20200007_en.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/7/pdfs/ukpga_20200007_en.pdf</a></p>
B19	<p><b>Guidance on cyber security and home working</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working</a></p>
B20	<p><b>Compliance advice for businesses and other venues directed to close</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-and-other-venues-subject-to-further-social-distancing-measures/s">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-and-other-venues-subject-to-further-social-distancing-measures/s</a></p>
B21	<p><b>Medicines &amp; Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : Collection of Guidance</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mhra-guidance-on-coronavirus-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mhra-guidance-on-coronavirus-covid-19</a></p>
B22	<p><b>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people – also known as ‘shielding’</b></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875126/Easy_read_guidance_on_shielding_March_2020.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875126/Easy_read_guidance_on_shielding_March_2020.pdf</a></p>
B23	<p><b>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-uk-businesses/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-uk-businesses-trading-internationally">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-uk-businesses/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-uk-businesses-trading-internationally</a></p>
B24	<p><b>Guidance for local authorities for controlling fraud during COVID-19 emergency</b></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875844/Fraud-Control-in-Emergency-Management-COVID-19-UK-Government-Guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875844/Fraud-Control-in-Emergency-Management-COVID-19-UK-Government-Guidance.pdf</a></p>
B25	<p><b>Guidance for closing certain businesses – as at 27 March 2020</b></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876535/270320_Revised_Guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876535/270320_Revised_Guidance.pdf</a></p>
B26	<p><b>Guidance on how to help safely</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely</a></p>



B27	<b>Financial help for the self-employed</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-gives-support-to-millions-of-self-employed-individuals">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-gives-support-to-millions-of-self-employed-individuals</a>
B28	<b>How to check if you're covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-could-be-covered-by-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-could-be-covered-by-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme</a>
B29	<b>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance</a>
B30	<b>How employers can claim wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme</a>
B31	<b>New interim safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/</a>
B32	<b>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities in England</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-and-renting-guidance-for-landlords-tenants-and-local-authorities?">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-and-renting-guidance-for-landlords-tenants-and-local-authorities?</a>
B33	<b>Online support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/</a>
B34	<b>Small Business Grant Fund &amp; Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund – Version 3</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876893/small-business-grant-fund-retail-guidance-vers-3.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876893/small-business-grant-fund-retail-guidance-vers-3.pdf</a>
B35	<b>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876989/Easy_read_looking_after_your_feelings_and_body.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876989/Easy_read_looking_after_your_feelings_and_body.pdf</a>
B36	<b>Easy-read guide: staying at home</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876715/">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876715/</a>
B37	<b>Easy-read guide: keeping away from other people</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876699/COVID-19_Keeping_away_from_other_people_20200328.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876699/COVID-19_Keeping_away_from_other_people_20200328.pdf</a>
B38	<b>Guidance for parents &amp; carers on looking after mental health &amp; wellbeing of children</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/</a>
B39	<b>Construction site operating procedures – version 2 (updated 2 April 2020)</b> <a href="http://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Site-Operating-Procedures-02-April-2020-v2.pdf">http://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Site-Operating-Procedures-02-April-2020-v2.pdf</a>



B40	<b>Changes to the Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care and support</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-changes-to-the-care-act-2014/care-act-easements-guidance-for-local-authorities">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-changes-to-the-care-act-2014/care-act-easements-guidance-for-local-authorities</a>
B41	<b>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals and other organisations</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-care-of-the-deceased/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-care-of-the-deceased/</a>
B42	<b>Guidance for local authorities for implementing grant funds – version 3</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877286/small-business-grant-fund-and-retail-guidance-v3.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877286/small-business-grant-fund-and-retail-guidance-v3.pdf</a>
B43	<b>Guidance on childcare and early years closures</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures</a>
B44	<b>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878082/pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878082/pdf</a>
B45	<b>Business Support – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</b> <a href="https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/">https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/</a>
B46	<b>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance to local authorities at 2 April 2020</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877758/Expanded_Retail_Discount_Guidance_02.04.20.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877758/Expanded_Retail_Discount_Guidance_02.04.20.pdf</a>
B47	<b>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding?">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding?</a>
B48	<b>Launch of project fund bids to UK businesses for innovation – ends 17 April 2020</b> <a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview</a>
B49	<b>Admission and care of people in care homes: Version 1 -2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877797/covid-19-care-homes-guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877797/covid-19-care-homes-guidance.pdf</a>
B50	<b>Guidance on maintaining further education</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/</a>
B51	<b>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878848/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_heads_of_centres.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878848/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_heads_of_centres.pdf</a>
B52	<b>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades in 2020</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878869/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_UPDATED_09APR2020.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878869/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_UPDATED_09APR2020.pdf</a>



B53	<p><b>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</b></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879019/Summer_2020_results_for_vocational_technical_and_other_qualifications.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879019/Summer_2020_results_for_vocational_technical_and_other_qualifications.pdf</a></p>
B54	<p><b>Project funding available for innovation: competition closes on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><a href="https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview">https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview</a></p>
B55	<p><b>Guidance for local authorities to support and protect vulnerable children</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/</a></p>
B56	<p><b>Coronavirus Status Checker - Online Survey</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker">https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker</a></p>
B57	<p><b>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes – issued 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878121/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-strategy.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878121/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-strategy.pdf</a></p>
B58	<p><b>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/</a></p>
B59	<p><b>Call for evidence by parliamentary Women &amp; Equalities Committee: ends 30 April 2020</b></p> <p><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/work/227/coronavirus-and-the-impact-on-people-with-protected-characteristics/">https://committees.parliament.uk/work/227/coronavirus-and-the-impact-on-people-with-protected-characteristics/</a></p>
B60	<p><b>Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust</b></p> <p><a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/coronavirus">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/coronavirus</a></p>
B61	<p><b>Postponement of elections</b></p> <p><a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878332/Coronavirus_COVID-19_-_letter_to_councils_about_local_authority_meetings_and_postponement_of_elections.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878332/Coronavirus_COVID-19_-_letter_to_councils_about_local_authority_meetings_and_postponement_of_elections.pdf</a></p>
B62	<p><b>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0220-supplier-relief-due-to-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0220-supplier-relief-due-to-covid-19</a></p>
B63	<p><b>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/</a></p>
B64	<p><b>Recruitment for Healthcare Support Workers at London NHS Nightingale Hospital</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk/en/Nightingale/Nightingale/Nightingale-London">https://www.nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk/en/Nightingale/Nightingale/Nightingale-London</a></p>
B65	<p><b>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools/</a></p>



B66	<b>Free school meals guidance</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/</a>
B67	<b>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections/</a>
B68	<b>Prime Minister's letter to the nation</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876876/CCS155_CCS0320349160-003_PM_letter_to_nation_on_coronavirus_Accessible.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876876/CCS155_CCS0320349160-003_PM_letter_to_nation_on_coronavirus_Accessible.pdf</a>
B69	<b>Coronavirus public information leaflet accompanying Prime Minister's letter</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877678/coronavirus-leaflet.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877678/coronavirus-leaflet.pdf</a>
B70	<b>Guidance for those who provide unpaid care to family and friends</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/">https://www.gov.uk/government/</a>
B71	<b>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/increase-to-working-tax-credits-what-this-means">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/increase-to-working-tax-credits-what-this-means</a>
B72	<b>Hospital discharge service requirements</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874213/COVID-19_hospital_discharge_service_requirements.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874213/COVID-19_hospital_discharge_service_requirements.pdf</a>
B73	<b>Guidance for health and social care staff caring for people lacking mental capacity</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878910/Emergency_MCA_DoLS_Guidance_COVID19.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878910/Emergency_MCA_DoLS_Guidance_COVID19.pdf</a>
B74	<b>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879087/Guidance_for_Laboratories_offering_support_for_COVID-19_testing_for_publication_2_.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879087/Guidance_for_Laboratories_offering_support_for_COVID-19_testing_for_publication_2_.pdf</a>
B75	<b>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe</a>
B76	<b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan (issued</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879117/Coronavirus_COVID-19_-_personal_protective_equipment_PPE_plan.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879117/Coronavirus_COVID-19_-_personal_protective_equipment_PPE_plan.pdf</a>
B77	<b>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/home-secretary-outlines-support-for-domestic-abuse-victims">https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/home-secretary-outlines-support-for-domestic-abuse-victims</a>



B78	<b>'Silent Solution' system: contacting the police by mobile phone if you can't speak</b> <a href="https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_guide.pdf">https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_guide.pdf</a>
B79	<b>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-global-fight-to-prevent-second-wave-of-coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-global-fight-to-prevent-second-wave-of-coronavirus</a>
B80	<b>UK Government COVID-19 data tracker</b> <a href="https://obr.uk/coronavirus-reference-scenario/">https://obr.uk/coronavirus-reference-scenario/</a>

### C. Commentary

The daily ministerial press briefing was led by Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. He explained that at no point since the start of the pandemic has the NHS not had capacity to treat patients and that 2,656 critical care beds were currently available. This supported the government's insistence that social distancing and associated emergency measures were working.

The key focus of the ministerial briefing was the announcement of the publication of an Adult Social Care Action Plan, the creation of a 'brand for care' and a campaign to recruit more social workers. A weblink to the Action Plan is at A1. The 34-page policy paper sets out how the sector will be supported through four pillars:

- Controlling the spread of infection in care settings;
- Supporting the workforce;
- Supporting independence, supporting people at the end of their lives and responding to individual needs; and
- Supporting local authorities and care providers.

The Secretary of State said people had the right the right to say goodbye in end-of-life scenarios and guidance is being revised to allow that to happen under controlled arrangements.

Ofqual has published an open consultation on its proposed exceptional arrangements for exam grading and assessment in 2020 in England. The 68-page consultation document is available via the weblink at A3 and the 19-page Equality Impact Assessment: Literature Review and portal for completing the online consultation is at A4. Consultation closes at 11.45 am on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The Department for Transport published information about its data sources and methodology used to gather, analyse and present data used at the daily media briefings at 10 Downing Street. A weblink to the information is at A5.

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