Briefing Note 18 - COVID-19 Guidance
As at 09:00 Sunday 5th April 2020

1. Headline developments announced on Saturday 4th April 2020

	Item	Source
A	Guidance for local authorities and their partners to support and protect vulnerable children	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-authorities-on-childrens-social-care
B	Launch of Coronavirus Status Checker to help NHS coordinate its response	https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker
C	How the government intends to scale up testing programmes – issued 3rd April 2020	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878121/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-strategy.pdf
D	Guidance on 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/
E	Additional flights arranged to bring home Britons stranded overseas	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-office-steps-up-plans-to-bring-home-britons-stranded-overseas
F	Link to slides and data sets used to support Ministerial Press Conference on 4th April 2020	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-4-april-2020
G	**UK statistics**: 4.313 dead (+708) 41,903 tested positive (+3,735)	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public
H	UK daily interactive statistical dashboard published by Public Health England showing UK cases and deaths	https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ae5dda8f86814ae99dde905d2a9070ae

2. Key Sources of Government Advice

	Document
A	**Glossary of terms used in government guidance** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/glossary-of-terms
B	**Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK** 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

C	**World Health Organisation advice** https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
D	**NHS health advice** https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
E	**Mental health helplines** https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/
F	**Essential travel guidance** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-essential-travel-guidance
G	**Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK and for vulnerable people** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults
H	**Guidance for schools and other educational settings** https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings
I	**Guidance for schools and local authorities on maintaining educational provision** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision
J	**Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance** https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/scientific-advisory-group-for-emergencies-sage-coronavirus-covid-19-response
K	**Guidance for employees, employers and businesses** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19
L	**Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19
M	**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
N	**Guidance on vulnerable children and young people** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people
O	**Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing

P	**Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children & young people's mental health** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak
Q	**Compliance advice for businesses and other venues directed to close** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-and-other-venues-subject-to-further-social-distancing-measures/businesses-and-other-venues-subject-to-further-social-distancing-measures
R	**Emergency measures for railways to ensure continuity of operations and ticket refunds** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-ensures-ticket-refunds-and-protects-services-for-passengers-with-rail-emergency-measures
S	**Stay at home guidance** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
T	**Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people – also known as 'shielding'** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875126/Easy_read_guidance_on_shielding_March_2020.pdf
U	**Coronavirus Act 2020** http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/7/pdfs/ukpga_20200007_en.pdf
V	**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
W	**Guidance on cyber security and home working** https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working
X	**Guidance for local authorities for controlling fraud during COVID-19 emergency** 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
Y	**Guidance for closing certain businesses – as at 27 March 2020** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876535/270320_Revised_Guidance.pdf
Z	**Guidance on how to help safely** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely
A A	**Financial help for the self-employed** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-gives-support-to-millions-of-self-employed-individuals

BB	**How to check if you're covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme** https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-could-be-covered-by-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme
CC	**How employers can claim wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme** https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme
DD	**New interim safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers
EE	**Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities in England** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-and-renting-guidance-for-landlords-tenants-and-local-authorities?
FF	**Collection of healthcare guidance for healthcare workers and others** https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance
GG	**Online support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19
HH	**Small Business Grant Fund & Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund – Version 3** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876893/small-business-grant-fund-retail-guidance-vers-3.pdf
II	**Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876989/Easy_read_looking_after_your_feelings_and_body.pdf
JJ	**Easy-read guide: staying at home** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876715/Coronavirus_COVID-19_advice_on_staying_at_home_20200328.pdf
KK	**Easy-read guide: keeping away from other people** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876699/COVID-19_Keeping_away_from_other_people_20200328.pdf
LL	**Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health & wellbeing of children** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak
MM	**Construction site operating procedures – version 2 (updated 2 April 2020)** http://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Site-Operating-Procedures-02-April-2020-v2.pdf

NN	**Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals and other organisation** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-care-of-the-deceased/guidance-for-care-of-the-deceased-with-suspected-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19
OO	**Changes to the Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care and support** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-changes-to-the-care-act-2014/care-act-easements-guidance-for-local-authorities
OO	**Guidance for local authorities for implementing grant funds – version 3** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877286/small-business-grant-fund-and-retail-guidance-v3.pdf
PP	**Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 2 – 3rd April 2020** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878082/small-business-grant-and-retail-leisure-hospitality-grant-guidance-for-businesses-v2.pdf
QQ	**Guidance on childcare and early years closures** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures
RR	**Business Support – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/
SS	**Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance to local authorities at 2 April 2020** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877758/Expanded_Retail_Discount_Guidance_02.04.20.pdf
TT	**Grant funding allocations by local authority in England** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding?
UU	**Launch of project fund bids to UK businesses for innovation – ends 17 April 2020** https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview
VV	**Admission and care of people in care homes: Version 1 -2nd April 2020** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877797/covid-19-care-homes-guidance.pdf
WW	**Guidance on maintaining further education** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/
XX	**Guidance for head teachers on how educational qualifications will be graded in 2020** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877930/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_heads_of_centres.pdf

Y Y	**Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades in 2020** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf
Z	**Project funding available for innovation: competition closes on 17th April 2020**
Z	https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview

3. Commentary

A new online Coronavirus Status Checker has been launched to help the NHS build up additional data on the COVID-19 response. It is in the form of a survey and asks individuals to answer a number of questions about their coronavirus experience. A weblink to the survey is at 1B. It is simple to complete and everyone is urged to take part.

The Coronavirus Status Checker asks:
- why you are staying at home
- to choose from a series of options to describe how you are feeling
- whether you have any other health problems
- your date of birth
- your postcode
- how many people are living in your home.

Fourteen bogus medical products being sold through unauthorised websites claiming to treat or prevent COVID-19 are being investigated by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

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