



## Briefing Note 23 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### A. Headline developments announced on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Item		Source
A1	NHS works with tech firms to help care home residents and patients connect with loved ones (press release)	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-works-with-tech-firms-to-help-care-home-residents-and-patients-connect-with-loved-ones">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-works-with-tech-firms-to-help-care-home-residents-and-patients-connect-with-loved-ones</a>
A2	Hospital discharge service requirements (originally published 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020)	<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>
A3	Guidance is for health and social care staff in England and Wales who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity	<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>
A4	Awarding vocational and technical qualifications this summer: arrangements to be issued after Easter	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer</a>
A5	Guidance for organisations with laboratory capability seeking to support the COVID-19 testing programme	<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>
A6	Press release: Health Secretary launches major diagnostic laboratory network in Milton Keynes	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-secretary-launches-biggest-diagnostic-lab-network-in-british-history-to-test-for-coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-secretary-launches-biggest-diagnostic-lab-network-in-british-history-to-test-for-coronavirus</a>
A7	Foreign Secretary's statement at 5pm press briefing on 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/foreign-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-9-april-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/foreign-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-9-april-2020</a>
A8	Presentation slides and data sets used to support the Ministerial Press Conference on Wednesday 8th April 2020	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-9-april-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-9-april-2020</a>
A9	<b>UK statistics:</b> 7,978 dead (+881) 65,077 tested positive (+4,344)	<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>
A10	UK daily interactive statistical dashboard published by Public Health England showing UK cases and deaths	<a href="https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ae5dda8f86814ae99dde905d2a9070ae">https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ae5dda8f86814ae99dde905d2a9070ae</a>

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## 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>

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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>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>
B19	<p><b>Emergency measures for railways to ensure continuity of operations and ticket refunds</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-ensures-ticket-refunds-and-protects-services-for-passengers-with-rail-emergency-measures">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-ensures-ticket-refunds-and-protects-services-for-passengers-with-rail-emergency-measures</a></p>
B20	<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>
B21	<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>
B22	<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>
B23	<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>
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>

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B27	<p><b>Financial help for the self-employed</b></p> <p><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></p>
B28	<p><b>How to check if you're covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</b></p> <p><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></p>
B29	<p><b>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</b></p> <p><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></p>
B30	<p><b>How employers can claim wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</b></p> <p><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></p>
B31	<p><b>New interim safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</b></p> <p><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></p>
B32	<p><b>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities in England</b></p> <p><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></p>
B33	<p><b>Online support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</b></p> <p><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></p>
B34	<p><b>Small Business Grant Fund &amp; Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund – Version 3</b></p> <p><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></p>
B35	<p><b>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</b></p> <p><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></p>
B36	<p><b>Easy-read guide: staying at home</b></p> <p><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></p>
B37	<p><b>Easy-read guide: keeping away from other people</b></p> <p><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></p>
B38	<p><b>Guidance for parents &amp; carers on looking after mental health &amp; wellbeing of children</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>
B39	<p><b>Construction site operating procedures – version 2 (updated 2 April 2020)</b></p> <p><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></p>

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B40	<p><b>Changes to the Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care and support</b></p> <p><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></p>
B41	<p><b>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals and other organisations</b></p> <p><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></p>
B42	<p><b>Guidance for local authorities for implementing grant funds – version 3</b></p> <p><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></p>
B43	<p><b>Guidance on childcare and early years closures</b></p> <p><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></p>
B44	<p><b>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>
B45	<p><b>Business Support – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/">https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/</a></p>
B46	<p><b>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance to local authorities at 2 April 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>
B47	<p><b>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</b></p> <p><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></p>
B48	<p><b>Launch of project fund bids to UK businesses for innovation – ends 17 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>
B49	<p><b>Admission and care of people in care homes: Version 1 -2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>
B50	<p><b>Guidance on maintaining further education</b></p> <p><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></p>
B51	<p><b>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>
B52	<p><b>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades in 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>

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B53	<p><b>Summer 202 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>

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B66	<b>Free school meals guidance for schools</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>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>
B71	<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>

## C. Commentary

At the daily ministerial briefing at 5pm, the Foreign Secretary announced that the Prime Minister remained in hospital but was making progress and was in good spirits.

Key points to emerge from the briefing were:

- The UK has not reached its peak in new cases of coronavirus - it is still too early to predict when that may be;
- High numbers of daily reported deaths are expected to continue;
- The restrictions imposed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March are working and helping to reduce transmission of the virus;
- It is too early to consider releasing any restrictions although there will be a review next week after the Easter period;
- Everyone is instructed to keep complying with the government guidance: STAY HOME- PROTECT THE NHS-SAVE LIVES.