Briefing Note 27 - COVID-19 Guidance
As at 09:00 Tuesday 14th April 2020

A. Headline developments announced on Monday 13th April 2020

	Item	Source
A1	Presentation slides and datasets used to support the ministerial press briefing on Monday 13th April 2020	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-13-april-2020
A2	**UK statistics**: 11,329 dead (+717) 88,621 tested positive (+4,342)	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public
A3	UK daily interactive statistical dashboard published by **Public Health England** showing UK cases and deaths	https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ae5dda8f86814ae99dde905d2a9070ae
A4	**Office for National Statistics (ONS)**: data and analysis on COVID-19 in the UK and its effect on the economy and society	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases

B. Key Sources of Government Advice

	Document
B1	**Glossary of terms used in government guidance** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/glossary-of-terms
B2	**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
B3	**World Health Organisation** https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
B4	**NHS health advice for everyone** https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
B5	**Mental health helplines** https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/
B6	**Essential travel guidance** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-essential-travel-guidance
B7	**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/

B8	**Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings** https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings
B9	**Guidance for schools and local authorities on maintaining educational provision** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/
B10	**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
B11	**Guidance for employees, employers and businesses** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19
B12	**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/
B13	**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
B14	**Guidance on vulnerable children and young people** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/
B15	**Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing
B16	**Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
B17	**Guidance for parents and carers - 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/
B18	**Coronavirus Act 2020** http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/7/pdfs/ukpga_20200007_en.pdf
B19	**Guidance on cyber security and home working** https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working
B20	**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/s

B21	**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
B22	**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
B23	**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
B24	**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
B25	**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
B26	**Guidance on how to help safely** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely
B27	**Financial help for the self-employed** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-gives-support-to-millions-of-self-employed-individuals
B28	**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
B29	**Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others** https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance
B30	**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
B31	**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/
B32	**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?
B33	**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/

B34	**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
B35	**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
B36	**Easy-read guide: staying at home** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876715/
B37	**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
B38	**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/
B39	**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
B40	**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
B41	**Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals and other organisations** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-care-of-the-deceased/
B42	**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
B43	**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
B44	**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/pdf
B45	**Business Support – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/
B46	**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

B47	**Grant funding allocations by local authority in England** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding?
B48	**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
B49	**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
B50	**Guidance on maintaining further education** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/
B51	**Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020** 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
B52	**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/878869/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_UPDATED_09APR2020.pdf
B53	**Summer 202 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879019/Summer_2020_results_for_vocational_technical_and_other_qualifications.pdf
B54	**Project funding available for innovation: competition closes on 17th April 2020** https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/583/overview
B55	**Guidance for local authorities to support and protect vulnerable children** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/
B56	**Coronavirus Status Checker - Online Survey** https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker
B57	**Government plans for scaling 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
B58	**Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings/
B59	**Call for evidence by parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee: ends 30 April 2020** https://committees.parliament.uk/work/227/coronavirus-and-the-impact-on-people-with-protected-characteristics/

B60	**Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust** https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/coronavirus
B61	**Postponement of elections** 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
B62	**Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0220-supplier-relief-due-to-covid-19
B63	**Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/
B64	**Recruitment for Healthcare Support Workers at London NHS Nightingale Hospital** https://www.nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk/en/Nightingale/Nightingale/Nightingale-London
B65	**Funding to support schools with exceptional costs** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools/
B66	**Free school meals guidance for schools** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/
B67	**Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections/
B68	**Prime Minister's letter to the nation** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/876876/CCS155_CCS0320349160-003_PM_letter_to_nation_on_coronovirus_Accessible.pdf
B69	**Coronavirus public information leaflet accompanying Prime Minister's letter** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877678/coronavirus-leaflet.pdf
B70	**Guidance for those who provide unpaid care to family and friends** https://www.gov.uk/government/
B71	**Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/increase-to-working-tax-credits-what-this-means
B72	**Hospital discharge service requirements** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874213/COVID-19_hospital_discharge_service_requirements.pdf

B73	**Guidance for health and social care staff caring for people lacking mental capacity** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878910/Emergency_MCA_DoLS_Guidance_COVID19.pdf
B74	**Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability** 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
B75	**Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub** https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe
B76	**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan (issued** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879117/Coronavirus__COVID-19__-_personal_protective_equipment__PPE__plan.pdf
B77	**Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary 11th April 2020** https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/home-secretary-outlines-support-for-domestic-abuse-victims
B78	**'Silent Solution' system: contacting the police by mobile phone if you can't speak** https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_guide.pdf
B79	**UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries** https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-global-fight-to-prevent-second-wave-of-coronavirus

C. Commentary

The daily ministerial press briefing was led by Dominic Raab, Foreign Secretary. Key points were:

- The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) will meet this coming week to consider the scientific evidence, including the impact of the social distancing restrictions, and make recommendations to government – a weblink to their detailed work is at B10 ;
- The Foreign Secretary thought it is 'unlikely' there will be any changes or relaxation to current restrictions;
- There is concern over the increase of COVID-19 disease transmission and related deaths in care homes which is being widely reported in the media. Data relating to deaths in care homes and other community settings are included in the statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and a link to their website is at A4 where the complexities of gathering and analysing this data is explained.

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