



## Briefing Note 32 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### A. Headline developments announced on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Item		Source
A1	Letter of thanks from Communities Secretary to local government workforce	<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880100/200418_Open_Letter_SoS.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880100/200418_Open_Letter_SoS.pdf</a>
A2	The national coordinator of the UK government's testing programme warns against purchase of unapproved antibody testing kits	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-testing-coordinator-warns-against-unapproved-antibody-tests">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-testing-coordinator-warns-against-unapproved-antibody-tests</a>
A3	Communities Secretary's statement at 4pm media briefing	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/communities-secretary-robert-jenrick-on-covid-19-response-18-april-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/communities-secretary-robert-jenrick-on-covid-19-response-18-april-2020</a>
A4	Presentation slides and datasets used to support the ministerial media briefing on Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-18-april-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-18-april-2020</a>
A5	<b>UK statistics:</b> 15,464 dead (+888) 114,217 tested positive (+5,526)	<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>
A6	UK government COVID-19 data tracker	<a href="https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/">https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/</a>
A7	<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	<b>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</b> <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>
B15	<b>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</b> <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>
B16	<b>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</b> <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>
B17	<b>Guidance for parents and carers - supporting children &amp; young people's mental health</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>
B18	<b>Coronavirus Act 2020</b> <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>



B19	<b>Guidance on cyber security and home working</b> <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working</a>
B20	<b>Compliance advice for businesses and other venues directed to close</b> <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>
B21	<b>Medicines &amp; Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : Collection of Guidance</b> <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>
B22	<b>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people – also known as ‘shielding’</b> <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>
B23	<b>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</b> <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>
B24	<b>Guidance on how to help safely</b> <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>
B25	<b>Guidance for closing certain businesses – as at 27 March 2020</b> <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>
B26	<b>Guidance for local authorities for controlling fraud during COVID-19 emergency</b> <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>
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 3 (updated 14 April 2020)</b> <a href="https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Site-Operating-Procedures-Version-3.pdf">https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Site-Operating-Procedures-Version-3.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>Closure of schools and other educational settings: guidance for parents and carers</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/</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>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>
B49	<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>
B50	<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>
B51	<b>Guidance for local authorities to support and protect vulnerable children</b> <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>
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	<b>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</b> <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>
B54	<b>Project funding available for innovation: competition closes on 17<sup>th</sup> 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>
B55	<b>Coronavirus Status Checker - Online Survey</b> <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker">https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker</a>
B56	<b>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes – issued 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b> <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>
B57	<b>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</b> <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>



B58	<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>
B59	<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>
B60	<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>
B61	<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>
B62	<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>
B63	<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>
B64	<p><b>Free school meals guidance</b></p> <p><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></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	<p><b>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</b></p> <p><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></p>
B67	<p><b>Prime Minister's letter to the nation</b></p> <p><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></p>
B68	<p><b>Coronavirus public information leaflet accompanying Prime Minister's letter</b></p> <p><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></p>
B69	<p><b>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</b></p> <p><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></p>
B70	<p><b>Guidance for those who provide unpaid care to family and friends</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/">https://www.gov.uk/government/</a></p>



B71	<p><b>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>
B72	<p><b>Hospital discharge service requirements</b></p> <p><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></p>
B73	<p><b>Infection control stepdown precautions when discharging from hospital to home</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-stepdown-of-infection-control-precautions-within-hospitals-and-discharging-covid-19-patients-from-hospital-to-home-settings/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-stepdown-of-infection-control-precautions-within-hospitals-and-discharging-covid-19-patients-from-hospital-to-home-settings/</a></p>
B74	<p><b>Guidance for health and social care staff caring for people lacking mental capacity</b></p> <p><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></p>
B75	<p><b>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</b></p> <p><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></p>
B76	<p><b>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</b></p> <p><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></p>
B77	<p><b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</b></p> <p><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></p>
B78	<p><b>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><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></p>
B79	<p><b>‘Silent Solution’ system: contacting the police by mobile phone if you can’t speak</b></p> <p><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></p>
B80	<p><b>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</b></p> <p><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></p>
B81	<p><b>UK Government COVID-19 data tracker</b></p> <p><a href="https://obr.uk/coronavirus-reference-scenario/">https://obr.uk/coronavirus-reference-scenario/</a></p>
B82	<p><b>Adult Social Care Action Plan (published 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020)</b></p> <p><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></p>



B83	<b>Ofqual consultation for 2020 exam grading: online response closes 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b> <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>
B84	<b>Government data sources and methodology for gathering transport use data</b> <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>
B85	<b>Guidance for local authorities on implementing the £500 million hardship fund</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879764/32020">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/879764/32020</a>
B86	<b>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-consumers-on-coronavirus-covid-19-and-food/">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-consumers-on-coronavirus-covid-19-and-food/</a>
B87	<b>Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested</a>
B88	<b>Step-by-step guidance for employers about how to claim under Job Retention Scheme</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880092/Coronavirus_Job_Retention_Scheme_step_by_step_guide_for_employers.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880092/Coronavirus_Job_Retention_Scheme_step_by_step_guide_for_employers.pdf</a>
B89	<b>Directions to councils in England to allow family members to attend funerals</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880093/Letter_from_Minister_Simon_Clarke.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880093/Letter_from_Minister_Simon_Clarke.pdf</a>
B90	<b>Statutory guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880047/Schedule_28_local_death_management_guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/880047/Schedule_28_local_death_management_guidance.pdf</a>

### C. Commentary

The daily ministerial media briefing at 4pm was led by the Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick, and his full speech is accessible via the weblink at A3. Key points announced were:

- £1.6 billion of new funding allocated to councils to support their local services, including provision for helping rough sleepers;
- Local parks must not be closed to the public – people are entitled to use the parks providing they maintain social distancing rules;
- Funerals must continue to take place and family members will be allowed to attend – again subject to safety precautions being in place. Local councils have been issued with guidance.

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