RCSLT Scotland Update
15 October 2020

Update on Transparent Facemasks

‘Breathe-Easy’ transparent facemasks have passed all the required quality tests to seek CCE accreditation.

Scottish Government is now funding a trial of these masks in selected health boards in Scotland (order for trial is 10,000 masks).

It would be great if SLT services were willing to be part of these trials.

- find out from your local ICT if your board is part of this trial and ask to join in if you wish to.
- Please get in touch and let us know if you and your team get involved. It would be good to hear how it goes (contact details at the bottom).

New Resources from RCSLT

RCSLT guidance and resources are available here and are updated regularly. Non-member students can apply for access here.

- New online RCSLT shop – order merchandise including 75th anniversary items here.
- New guidance on mouthcare – published here.
- 75th Anniversary celebration – details on how to join in with social media (Twitter and Instagram) here.
- Giving Voice Twitter takeovers – follow @GivingVoiceUK on Twitter.

New from Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament

- Health Survey: The results of the Scottish health survey for 2019 have been published.
- Political Attitudes: The Scottish Government has published a report with data on public attitudes to government, the economy, the health service, levels of tax and spend, government priorities and political engagement.
- Supporting and celebrating different minds - £250,000 funding for a new national support service for children and adults diagnosed with autism to understand and embrace their identity here.
New Health and Care Resources

- **Call for Applied Research on Longer-Term Effects of Covid-19 Infection** – applications close 9th November [here](#).
- **Framework for Supporting People Through Recovery & Rehabilitation** – link to webinar recording and other NES webinars [here](#).
- **MSC in Educational Assistive Technology** – information for January 2021 intake at Dundee University available [here](#).
- **Test & Protect Resources** – including explainer video in BSL [here](#).
- **Face Masks**: updated [frequently asked questions](#) relating to interim guidance on the extended use of face masks in hospital, care homes, primary care and community care.
- **Critical Care**: The Scottish Government has published [guidance](#) for healthcare professionals on critical care management of adult COVID-19 patients.
- **Shielding Advice**: updated [advice](#) for the shielding population to account for the recent changes in the guidance.
- **Mental Health**: The Scottish Government has published the [transition & recovery plan for mental health](#).
- **ALLIANCE/HIS community engagement events** – on mobilisation and redesign of services register [here](#).

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