RCSLT Scotland
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New Resources from RCSLT

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

UK and Scottish Government advice, guidance and circulars are available here and here.

- Weekly COVID-19 Research Digest for SLTs available here including research on ultrasound (lung), general endoscopy practice and a paper of note on dysphagia.
- COVID-19 Data Collection Tool and resources are now available here – use the ‘Register’ button on the top bar.
- Member survey reviewing training needs in adult settings during COVID-19 available here
- PPE Guidance has been updated with a section on fit testing here
- Upcoming Twitter Takeovers @GivingVoiceUK @DyingMatters, please promote if you are on Twitter
- New Cleft Lip and Palate factsheet here

RCSLT Scotland Team Activity

AGP and Dysphagia Assessment – Kim is chasing up Scot. Govt Health Directorate, Health Protection Scotland and Public Health Scotland who are considering the evidence on this.

PPE supply – along with other AHP Professional bodies, we continue to feed in information to Scottish Government AHP leads what we hear about PPE supply. If you have something you want us to tell them send your points to Kim by each Tuesday morning.

Scottish Government Rehabilitation Strategic Groups – We are still awaiting details of who will be serving on the Working groups. If you want to feed in to this work virtually please let Robert know.

PPE for those providing ongoing care for people who regularly cough and / or produce thickened saliva – Kim is drafting a short paper following concerns raised and secured agreement with Scottish Care CEO to produce a joint statement to;

- Raise awareness of this group who may as individuals present ongoing and particular risks to carers.
- Call for a system whereby SLTs could identify or somehow officially confirm individuals as being high risk Covid-19 transmitting patients – say on in GP records or care home records - and thus help facilitate appropriate PPE
access for those caring for the individuals who present with ongoing cough and / or thickened saliva.

**Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee, Health and Sports Committee and Covid Committee Inquiries** – RCSLT Scotland Team (in partnership with other AHPs and / or user orgs.) will be seeking to input to these inquiries in the coming weeks and months. If any SLTs would like to get involved in any way please contact us.

**Consumer Scotland Bill** - was passed by the Scottish Parliament on May 6th and sets up a new public body, Consumer Scotland. Kim, along with Inclusion Scotland, Camphill Scotland and a coalition of other organisations briefed MSPs ensuring the new Agency implements inclusive communication approaches in all it does. It is the second piece of primary legislation anywhere in the UK to mention the importance of communication inclusion. Kim will be producing a briefing on the impact of the legislation.

**New Health Resources**

- **Flying Start NHS** is a national programme to support newly qualified NMAHPs [here](#).
- **Scottish Stroke AHP Forum** has new guidelines on [early supported discharge](#) and [inpatient stroke rehab protocol for COVID-19](#).
- **Tayside CYP SLT** advice on protecting voice whilst wearing PPE [here](#).

**New from Government**

- **Key Worker Testing**: The Scottish Government has provided guidance on who can access the expanded UK Government Testing Programme in Scotland.
- **Face Coverings**: The Scottish Government published guidance on the personal use of face covering during the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Unpaid Carers**: Guidance for unpaid carers in using PPE and infection control has been published by the Scottish Government. The guidance includes how PPE should be used and where to source it.
- **Cancer Medicines**: The interim governance framework for cancer medicines in adults has been published. It recognises an urgent need to review prescribing practice in order to minimise risk to patients, optimise use of the workforce and support services being compromised by staff absence. Clinical Guidelines, agreed by the Scottish Government's National Cancer Treatment Response Group, have also been published.
- **Shielding Arrangements**: The Government has published the details of its shielding support for vulnerable people with regards to arrangements for food, medicines and other support. Guidance for local authorities and local resilience partners has also been published.
- **Adult Support**: The Scottish Government has published additional guidance to supplement the [Adult Support and Protection Code of Practice](#) during the COVID-19 outbreak. The guidance is directed at chief officers, professional leads and adult protection committees.
New Resources

- **East Well Age Well** has a range of resources for supporting older people living at home [here](#)
- **Care Inspectorate guidance** on supporting people to keep in touch when care homes are not accepting visitors [here](#)
- **Volunteer Scotland** update on PVG and disclosure [here](#)

Non-COVID19

**Scottish Mental Health Law Review** is surveying professionals on capacity and SIDMA assessing practice [here](#)

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