Hello

We hope that you will find this week’s update informative and helpful. The RCSLT Scotland Office send our very best wishes to you all as we move into the next phase of the response to COVID-19.

We always welcome feedback and communication from RCSLT members in Scotland – so please get in touch if there is anything you want to tell us. See our contact details and work times below. Or you can follow us daily for the latest on @rcsltscot.

Robert will be back from annual leave next week, with normal service resuming on your weekly update.

Important Statement from RCSLT – Black Lives Matter.

New Resources from RCSLT

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

- **Voice and upper airway disorders in adults and children** guidance is here. You will see there is a built-in feedback route through SurveyMonkey which can be accessed in the guidance (closing Friday 17 July). The guidance will be updated accordingly. Watch this space.
- **COVID-19 speech and language therapy rehabilitation pathway** guidance is now live. You can access it here.
- **Restoring services and keeping everyone safe: Framework to support decision making**. You can access it here.
- **RCSLT COVID-19 temporary clinical advisers** RCSLT has now reopened the applications for the COVID-19 temporary clinical advisers and the application form can be found here.
- **Keeping in touch through the pandemic**
  In the weeks since the pandemic struck, the RCSLT’s priority has been to support its members as much as possible. We will continue to do this by updating the COVID-19 online hub, and delivering this newsletter weekly throughout June. Bulletin magazine will continue to be delivered to your home in the middle of the month. As always, our enquiries team remains on-hand to assist you during business hours - please contact them on info@rcslt.org or 020 7378 3012 with any queries you may have.
• ‘Twitter Takeovers’ @GivingVoiceUK please promote if you are on Twitter, 22-28 June is Love Your Lungs week.
• RCSLT Telehealth Guidance – providing practical, comprehensive guidance for all SLTs, covering a wide range of topics and including best practice for delivering Speech and Language Therapy remotely.
• COVID Webinar Series – Friday 12 June 1pm on Telehealth, register here.

New from Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament
• Further and higher education support Scottish Government writes to Principals here and here
• Scottish Government briefing 8 June – The First Minister’s Statement is here. Nicola Sturgeon stressed this was a crucial juncture in the battle against COVID-19, describing the virus as “in retreat”.
• Update for those shielding is here.
• Next steps for NHS Scotland – full information on the safe and gradual restoration of services based on clinical advice can be found here.
• Shielding procedures clarification sought by Daniel Johnson (Edinburgh Southern) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide urgent clarification on the shielding procedures for people who are deemed vulnerable to COVID-19 but not classified as “at risk”. John Swinney response given.
• David Stewart (Highlands & Islands) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce a programme of targeted lung (a) health checks and (b) cancer screening to support earlier diagnosis of conditions following the COVID-19 outbreak. Jeane Freeman responded here.
• Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to establish COVID-19-free hospitals specifically dedicated to cancer treatment. Jeane freeman responded here.
• Monica Lennon (Central Scotland) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources have been made available to NHS boards to help them support the mental health of vulnerable people who are shielding or self-isolating in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. S5W. Clare Haughey responded here.
• SIGN is publishing a new guideline developed in partnership with the Scottish Government’s Clinical Guidance Cell on presentations and management of COVID-19 in older people in acute care.
New Health Resources

- **Rebuilding lives after a stroke** – the Stroke Association is carrying out a survey to understand the additional challenges facing stroke survivors and how the Government and Stroke support services should respond. The survey can be accessed [here](#).

In the news

- **Telemedicine** – article from HSJ exploring the implications for the increasing use of telemedicine and the need to document patient understanding of information.
- **NMAHP Associate Director vacancy**
  
  🗣️ VACANCY - We've an exciting opportunity for someone to join us as an NMAHP Associate Director; providing leadership & direction to a substantial portfolio including national responsibility for education & development of Scotland's #AHPs workforce.
  
  [jobs.scot.nhs.uk/results.aspx?…](#) [pic.twitter.com/W0YJsVBeYc](#)

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