Hello

The RCSLT Scotland Team are thinking of all SLTs and SLT support workers and students working hard throughout the Covid-19 crisis and what it’s meant for everyone personally and professionally. Our very best wishes to you all.

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.

We hope you find this week's update helpful brought to you this week by Andrena.

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.

- **Restoring services: Framework to support decision making**
  The RCSLT has developed a high-level framework to support members across the UK (both adult and children’s services) in restoring their services within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is intended as a decision-making guide to be used when planning service delivery.

- **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.
• The RCSLT, Scottish Care, Royal College of GPs, RCN and Queens Nursing Institute for Scotland joint statement on PPE for those who care for people who regularly cough is being redrafted following helpful feedback received from a number of interested parties. A new statement will be issued as soon as possible. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact Kim Hartley Kean, head of RCSLT Scotland Office, at kim.hartleykean@rcslt.org.

New from Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament

• **Vulnerable Children**: John Swinney wrote to the Education & Skills Committee to provide information on measures to support vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus pandemic. COSLA since wrote to the Committee concerning the wellbeing and learning of vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus pandemic.

• **Vulnerable Children**: The Scottish Government published its second report about the impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on vulnerable children and families. The report was produced in partnership with SOLACE and other children’s sector organisations.

• **University Return**: Richard Lochhead wrote to college and university principals outlining the measures and changes related to their institutions as they prepare to adapt to the new blended learning model over summer.

• **Childcare Settings**: The Scottish Government published a summary of the scientific evidence relating to coronavirus and the re-opening of schools and early learning and childcare settings.

• **School Re-opening**: The Scottish Government published non-statutory guidance on school re-opening.

• **Coronavirus Guidance**: The Scottish Government updated its guidance for the shielding population covering food, energy, finances and other essentials.

• **Care Homes**: The Scottish Government published the latest data on suspected cases of COVID-19 in adult care homes.

• **Emergency powers**: The Scottish Government has published guidance on the implementation of emergency powers within the Coronavirus (No.2) Act which temporarily remove the requirement for a nominated person to have their signature witnessed by a prescribed person when they agree to become a named person. Speech and Language Therapists are noted as a prescribed person.

• **Equalities + Human Rights**: The Scottish Parliament Equalities & Human Rights Committee has published deafscotland’s submission to its call for evidence on the impact of the pandemic on equalities and human rights issues. The Equalities & Human Rights Committee has published a number of submissions responding to its call for evidence on the impact of COVID-19 on equalities and human rights issues.

• **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".  

- **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.  

- **Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con):** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to establish COVID-19-free hospitals specifically dedicated to cancer treatment.  

- **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.  

**NHS Education for Scotland** has published the latest quarterly data on the CAMHS workforce. As of 31 March, there were 1,040.3 WTE staff in post, which represents an increase of 4.7% since March 2016 but a decline of 0.9% since the same period last year. 5.6% of total staff in post were on maternity leave, while 1.6% were on long-term sick leave. 697.1 WTE staff were full-time and 343.2 WTE staff were in part-time positions. 84.3% of WTE staff were female. Language therapy was mentioned.

**In the news**

- **ITV News** – piece about the crucial role of SLTs in giving COVID-19 patients their voices back.  
- **Country Life** – article featuring Nick Hewer’s Japanese inspired favourite painting.

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