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.

- PPE for those providing ongoing care for people who regularly cough – joint statement from RCSLT, Scottish Care, RCGP, QNIS and RCN here.
- COVID-19 Data Collection Tool and resources are now available here – use the ‘Register’ button on the top bar.
- COVID Webinar Series – Friday 4 June on Rehabilitation register here.
- ‘Twitter Takeovers’ @GivingVoiceUK please promote if you are on Twitter, 22-28 June is Love Your Lungs week.
- PPE and AGP – update statement here.

RCSLT Scotland Team Activity

PPE for those providing ongoing care for people who regularly cough and/or produce thickened saliva – as mentioned above this has now been published. Contact Kim for more info.

Scottish Parliament Inquiries – we have submitted a response to the Covid Committee Inquiry highlighting the contribution of SLT and the importance of inclusive communication approaches in public health messaging.

New Health Resources

- Care Homes: The Scottish Government has updated its national clinical and practical COVID-19 guidance for care homes. The guidance is based on Healthcare Protection Scotland’s infection control guidance for care homes and is accompanied by a letter to care home providers, chief social work officers, local authorities, health boards and IJB nurse leads. Additionally, a paper setting out arrangements for enhanced oversight of care in care homes during the pandemic. From today, every health board and local authority must put in place a multi-disciplinary clinical and professional oversight team. Jeane Freeman has written to NHS boards, local authorities and IJB chief officers to outline the requirements.
- **Frailty + DNACPR**: Principal Medical Officer, John Mitchell, has written to NHS boards in relation to the use of the Clinical Frailty Scale and the use of Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation with younger patients, those with a stable long-term physical need, learning disability or autism.

- **Aerosol Generating Procedures**: A letter has been published from the Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Medical Officer and National Clinical Director providing a position statement on guidance for PPE and aerosol generating procedures.

- **Epidemiological Modelling**: The Scottish Government has published a report on the modelling of the COVID-19 epidemic in Scotland in terms of the spread of the disease and the demands it would place on the system.

**New from Government**

- **COVID-19 Framework**: The Scottish Government has published the Framework for Decision Making - Scotland's Route Map Through and Out of the Crisis an easy read guide to the framework for decision making about the coronavirus outbreak.

- **Mental Health**: Over £8m is being distributed to projects delivering mental health support and wellbeing services for people feeling isolated.

**In the news**

- **ITV London Six O’Clock & Ten O’Clock News** how SLTs are using video to support children and adults with communication needs, including creating a communication café.

- **BBC Northern Ireland** interview with Ceara Gallagher about the need for SLTs to have access to PPE.

- **Sunday Express** – interview with RCSLT president Nick Hewer about life in lockdown.

- **BBC Wales** – interview with one of our members, Gemma Jones about speech and language therapy rehab for COVID-19 patients post ICU.

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