

## **Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) – Daily Briefing**

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### **Daily Mortality Figures (London)**

*As of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020, the SCG daily briefing now takes account of mortalities that do not have a positive test result, but where COVID-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death, dated back to the 24<sup>th</sup> April.– for more information on this updated methodology, please visit [here](#).*

Patients who have died in London hospitals and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death.	
<b>Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily)</b> <b>(64)</b>	<b>Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative)</b> <b>(5282)</b>

Patients who have died in London hospitals where there has been no COVID-19 positive test result, but where COVID-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death on the death certification process.	
<b>Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily)</b> <b>(6)</b>	<b>Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative)</b> <b>(53)</b>

### **Partner Agencies Top-Line Messages**

#### **Mayor of London & Transport for London**

##### **Launch of ‘Streetspace’ Plan (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and TfL have today unveiled their ‘London Streetspace’ programme which will rapidly transform London’s streets to accommodate a possible ten-fold increase in cycling and five-fold increase in walking when lockdown restrictions are eased.

With London’s public transport capacity potentially running at a fifth of pre-crisis levels, millions of journeys a day will need to be made by other means. If people switch only a fraction of these journeys to cars, London risks grinding to a halt, air quality will worsen, and road danger will increase.

To prevent this happening, TfL will rapidly repurpose London’s streets to serve this unprecedented demand for walking and cycling in a major new strategic shift.

**The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:** “The capacity of our public transport will be dramatically reduced post-coronavirus as a result of the huge challenges we face around social distancing. Everyone who can work from home must continue to do so for some time to come. The emergency

measures included in our major strategic London Streetspace programme will help those who have to travel to work by fast-tracking the transformation of streets across our city.

Many Londoners have rediscovered the joys of walking and cycling during lockdown and, by quickly and cheaply widening pavements, creating temporary cycle lanes and closing roads to through traffic we will enable millions more people to change the way they get around our city.

I urge the Government and boroughs to work with us to enable Londoners to switch to cleaner, more sustainable forms of transport - and reduce the pressure on other parts of our transport network – once the lockdown is eased.”

Read more on the London StreetSpace Plan in more detail [here](#)

The Mayor of London’s has written an accompanying piece in CityAM which sets out the challenges TfL will face post-lockdown. Read the article [here](#)

## **London Councils**

### **Updated Lines on Household Waste & Recycling Centres (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

London Councils have updated their lines in response to prospective plans to re-open HWRC’s.

“London boroughs are making plans to reopen household waste and recycling centres (HWRCs) as soon as possible.

The safety of Londoners and borough workers is paramount, which is why HWRCs are unlikely to re-open at the same time or run at full capacity due to social distancing guidelines and pressures on staff and local roads. Boroughs may also introduce new measures such as pre-booked timeslots where necessary.

We ask Londoners to help us keep these services running smoothly by only visiting a HWRC when it is absolutely essential, planning visits carefully by checking borough websites, practicing social distancing and good hygiene while on site and treating all HWRC workers with respect.”

## **Ministry of Defence**

### **Rapid Response Unit Support (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

In response to a parliamentary question on the deployment of the 77 brigade, the Ministry of Defence has issued the following line:

“A small MOD team, including members of 77 Brigade, is supporting the Cabinet Office's Rapid

Response Unit (RRU), in its efforts to tackle disinformation around COVID-19. The military staff operate under the same rules and procedures as civil servants.

The RRU is tackling a range of harmful narratives online, from purported 'experts' issuing dangerous misinformation to criminal fraudsters running phishing scams. As the Rapid Response Unit is housed within the Cabinet Office, further queries should be directed to the Cabinet Office team."

## **Government Announcements**

### **Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government**

#### **Postponement of Business Rate Revaluations (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

The government has announced that the revaluation of business rates will no longer take place in 2021 to help reduce uncertainty for firms affected by the impacts of coronavirus.

Read more on this announcement [here](#)

#### **Pledge to Continue Vital Building Safety Work (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

Leaders from 25 councils have pledged their commitment to ensuring vital building safety work continues during the pandemic. Eighteen of the twenty-five signatories were London Boroughs.

Read more on the pledge and signatories [here](#)

### **Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport**

#### **New Guidance to Support Civil Society (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

The Government has issued new guidance on how businesses can offer services, funds and volunteers to civil society during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Read the guidance [here](#)

#### **5G Networks and COVID-19 (6<sup>th</sup> May 2020)**

New guidance has been collated to remind the public that there is no evidence of a link between 5G and Coronavirus. Ofcom, the charity Full Fact and leading mobile data providers have issued information on this.

Read all the associated guidance [here](#)