

Coronavirus (COVID-19): letter to directors of public health from Jo Churchill

The Minister for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care's letter thanks directors and their teams for their work during the coronavirus pandemic. It also references funding that has been made available to local authorities to address COVID-19-related pressures.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): letter to social housing residents

Letter from Christopher Pincher, Minister of State for Housing, to social housing residents in England setting out all the measures that are in place to support social housing residents during the next phase towards reopening society.

This includes information about maintenance and repairs, gas safety checks, remediation works, home moves, support for domestic abuse victims and anti-social behaviour.

Walking with the Wounded volunteers get a helping hand

News story

Walking with the Wounded (WWTW) and Manchester City Council OP-REGEN project have received welcome assistance in the form of a new Nissan NV300.



The new Nissan NV300 for the Walking With the Wounded charity. MOD Crown Copyright 2020.

The vehicle was provided by West Way Manchester who are proud supporters of the Armed Forces Community. The vehicle will help the volunteers deliver supplies to key workers and vulnerable people within their local community.

Walking With The Wounded are working with the Global Production Squad (GPS), providing ex-service men and women to work on the front lines to assist those affected by COVID-19.

Using the skills they acquired in the military; planning, logistics, coordination and communication, volunteers work alongside local businesses, councils, schools and individuals to regenerate their communities: empowering them to regain their independence, thrive and contribute in the community.

To read the full story and find out more about the veterans supporting Manchester City Council through the Op-REGEN initiative, visit the [WWTW website](#).

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Added the 'Greater London Authority: additional AEB funding 2020 to 2021' and 'Mayoral Combined Authorities: additional AEB funding 2020 to 2021'.

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[Environment Agency advises on restarting private sewage treatment plants](#)

Press release

Guidance is being issued to industry bodies about restarting sewage treatment plants.



The EA has provided guidance confirming the need for private sewage treatment plants to be made ready to be used again.

The Environment Agency has provided guidance to a range of industry bodies covering hospitality businesses including pubs, restaurants, hotels, camping and caravan sites and theme parks confirming the need for private sewage treatment plants to be made ready to be used again following a period of shutdown or low flows.

It comes as many pubs and other hospitality businesses are making plans to re-open next month, subject to the easing of lockdown restrictions.

It is essential that environmental impacts must be minimised when operators restart their sewage treatment plants, and those who discharge poor quality effluent risk being in breach of their environmental permits or the General Binding Rules if their discharges cause pollution of surface water or groundwater.

The Environment Agency will therefore confirm the need for operators to take

steps to ensure that their treatment plant is able to operate effectively as flows into it increase after their businesses reopen.

Those unaccustomed to restarting, should seek technical advice and support from: whoever normally maintains their sewage treatment plant, the manufacturer or supplier of their treatment plant, or a competent sewage treatment plant maintenance engineer.

Operators of premises served by their own sewage treatment plant wanting to dispose of waste beer should find other means of disposal. They should seek further guidance from the British Beer and Pub Association and refer to the waste hierarchy which is available on GOV.UK.

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