



COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE 09/04/2020

We want to provide our partners with a daily COVID-19 update.

Recently further actions have been announced:

- The chancellor announced £750M funding for charities, £360 million direct from government departments and £370 million for smaller charities, including through a grant to the National Lottery Community Fund. [Find out more here](#)
- Government will also match donations to the National Emergencies Trust as part of the BBC's Big Night In fundraiser later this month – pledging a minimum of £20 million.
- Export Control Joint Unit updates guidance on compliance checks for open licences. [Find out more here](#)
- The Department for International Trade has revised arrangements for processing licence applications during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. [Find out more here](#)
- The CLA is calling on the public to help farms feed the nation and save this year's harvest. [Find out more here](#)
- Government have updated guidance on paying employees through the CJRS. [Find out more here](#)
- The cabinet office and the PM's office comms team are looking for case studies from across the UK about businesses who have successfully accessed support, **please let us know if there are any businesses who have received the grants who you feel may want to participate.**

Cheshire and Warrington Updates

- The LEP and Growth Hub are producing a podcast series about COVID-19 topics, [the first one has been released](#), please can you share across your networks. The second one is planned for release next week and is about the CBILS, CLBILS and COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility schemes.
- The Growth Hub are also sending regular newsletters, which can be [signed up to here](#). A newsletter was sent today, again please share with your networks, it can be viewed [here](#).
- A [survey](#) has been created to gather business intelligence. So far we've received 391 responses.
- Local NHS Trust, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP), has launched a new mental health helpline for residents of Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Wirral. Open 24 hours a day, seven-days a week, it is open to people of all ages including children and young people who need urgent mental health support. The dedicated phone number: 0300 303 3972 should now be everyone's first port of call for urgent mental health help in Cheshire and Wirral. It is operated by local NHS staff who can connect people experiencing mental health issues with the best local support.
- Active Cheshire will be creating a resource pack for employers /employees to access for free via their website, all about getting people active at home to maintain good physical and mental health. We will share this when available.
- All three local authorities are asking businesses to provide spare PPE equipment to help government efforts.
- The Pledge have collated a series of [careers education resources](#) for home schooling and for teachers setting work for young people.
- Updates are on the Growth Hub [website](#), being updated daily, a new layout has been launched to make it easier to access information.
- Marketing Cheshire have created a [guide](#) for their members and the wider retail, leisure, hospitality and tourism sector businesses. They are also creating a further survey for these businesses to understand the impact on the sector.

Useful Links

- <http://candwgrowthhub.co.uk/covid-19/>

- www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response
- <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/>

