

NAFAS – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Statement

Following the announcement after the Cobra meeting held on Thursday March 12th, we continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 guidelines set by the Government, the World Health Organisation and the UK NHS.

The health and safety of our members, staff and visitors is our priority.

Although there has been no directive to cancel events or meetings, the Board of Directors are conscious of the age demographic of NAFAS Members and have agreed the following recommendations to Clubs, Areas and Members:

- Cancel all meetings planned in April 2020.
- Give careful consideration to all meetings planned between now and the end of March.
- Do not arrange any future meetings or events until further notice.

Please note, these are recommendations only, and all decisions made are the responsibility of the Club or Area. There may be local considerations to be aware of, for example, a member of a club may contract the virus. Please contact Head Office should you have any concerns or for full information and guidelines about Coronavirus (COVID-19) please visit the NHS website – www.nhs.uk

It is the responsibility of the Club and Area Chairman to fulfill their contractual obligations to a Demonstrator if a meeting is cancelled at short notice, especially if flowers have already been purchased. Please honour your responsibilities.

As from Monday 16th March 2020, NAFAS Head Office will be operating on a restricted staffing structure which will see only two members of staff in at any one time, with others adopting a working from home policy. This will reduce the risk of infection and prepare us for a total lockdown of Head Office, should the need arise. You will still be able to communicate with Head Office in the normal way, phone and email.

If there are any changes to the current recommendations from the Government or the World Health Organisation, we will review and react to their instructions promptly.

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