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Dear Member

Please see below today's update.

Keep well,

Regards

Ron

Summary of the Government Announcements, 7 July 2020

Please see below the recent COVID-19 related government announcements:

Shielding guidance for children has been updated

- It now states that the majority of children no longer need to shield.
- Apart from a small group who receive specialist care in hospitals may need to carry on shielding following a consultation with their doctor.
- This includes those receiving cancer care or those at risk of severe infection due to an immunodeficiency

Changes to the law on education, health and care needs assessments and plans

- The Dept for Education will not be issuing further national notices to modify section 42 of the 2014 Act, unless evidence on the safety of schools reopening changes.
- The department will consider whether any such flexibilities may be required at a local level to respond to outbreaks.
- Once the notice expires or is cancelled, councils and health commissioning bodies will need to secure or arrange the full range of provision specified in EHC plans.