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Coronavirus: Volunteering Position Statement

Context

LCV is committed to supporting our clients at this difficult time. However, we must follow Government advice in relation to the current Coronavirus pandemic and protect the wellbeing of our clients and volunteers.

The Scottish Government's Position

On 28th May, the First Minister confirmed that Scotland was entering 'Phase 1' of the route map from 29th May. The route map sets out a phased approach to reopening society in Scotland, As in England, travel is permitted, however public transport should be avoided where possible and masks worn where not possible. In all situations, social distancing should be adhered to.

Further details at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

LCV's Position

In response to government advice, LCV's position allows volunteering to resume from Phase 3 onwards, assuming social distancing measures allow sufficient numbers of volunteers to attend to make tasks worthwhile.

From phase 3 onwards travel outside the local area is permitted and we will resume volunteering at locations outside Edinburgh and use our minibus.

Volunteering tasks will be undertaken where:

- Social distancing can be observed.
- Overnight accommodation is not required.
- Volunteering will be undertaken in small groups, complying with social distancing.
- The task would not represent an additional burden to the emergency services.

LCVs usual Health and Safety Risk Assessment of each task will now also include:

- Volunteers attending must be symptom-free and not self-isolating
- Volunteers will be made aware of specific task requirements available on LCV's website prior attending a task
- Ideally volunteers will make their own way to the task location, preferably on foot or by bicycle

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- If the minibus is used, guidance appropriate for public transport will be used when determining capacity and volunteers must wear their own face covering before boarding the bus.
- Ensuring that throughout the task volunteers practice social distancing, and do not share tools.
- Disinfectant and hand sanitiser will be available for use by volunteers.