



# Political Affairs Digest

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#### **Covid-19: Disparate Impact**

**The Minister for Equalities (Kemi Badenoch):** ... I came before the House on 4 June, just after Public Health England had published its report “Covid 19: review of disparities in risks and outcomes”, as the Prime Minister had asked me to lead the cross-Government work to address the findings of that review. I return today to update the House on the progress I have made and to announce publication of my first quarterly report to the Prime Minister.

My work to date has focused on the impact of covid-19 on ethnic minority people. There is a wider strand of work within Government that is considering other groups that may have been particularly impacted by covid, such as disabled people, and I will include updates on that wider work in future reports. My report summarises the significant measures that Government Departments and their agencies have to date put in place to mitigate the disproportionate impacts of covid-19. ...

It is clear that a lot of good work is under way. For example, as we have reported in Parliament, more than 95% of frontline NHS workers from an ethnic minority background have had a risk assessment in the workplace to ensure good understanding of the necessary mitigating interventions in place. The NHS is working hard to restore services inclusively so that they are used by those in greatest need, with new monitoring of service use and outcomes among those from the most deprived neighbourhoods and from black and Asian groups. We issued revised guidance to employers in July and again in September, highlighting the findings of the PHE review and explaining how to make workplaces covid secure.

We also reached out to all parts of the community through our information campaign. From March to July, we spent an additional £4 million to reach ethnic minority people through tailored messaging, strategically chosen channels and trusted voices. We have published messaging in well over 600 publications, including those that have readerships with a high proportion of ethnic minority people. We have reached more than 5 million people through the ethnic minority influencer programme. We have translated key public health messages into numerous languages, which initiated a marked improvement in recognition of our

crucial “Stay alert” campaign.

My report summarises how the NHS, Public Health England and others are implementing the recommendations from the summary of the rapid literature review and stakeholder engagement work led by Professor Kevin Fenton. The PHE review indicated that people from ethnic minority backgrounds were disproportionately impacted by covid-19. It told us what the disparities in risks and outcomes were, but not why they had arisen and therefore it did not make any recommendations. It is therefore imperative that we understand the key drivers of the disparities and the relationships between the different risk factors to ensure that our response is as effective as possible. ...

We now know much more about the impact of the virus than we did in June. We know more in particular about why people from ethnic minority backgrounds are more likely to be infected and die from covid. The current evidence shows that it is a range of socioeconomic and geographical factors, such as occupational exposure, population density, household composition and pre-existing health conditions, that contribute to the higher infection and mortality rates for ethnic minority groups. However, according to the latest evidence, part of the excess risk remains unexplained for some groups and further analysis of the potential risk factors is planned for the coming months.

What has emerged is that interventions across the entire population are most likely to disproportionately benefit ethnic minorities and are least likely to attach damaging stigma. ...

We have made good progress, but more needs to be done. In particular, we need to work with local communities to protect the most vulnerable. I am therefore announcing today a new community champions scheme that includes up to £25 million in funding to local authorities and the voluntary and community sector. This will help to improve the reach of official public health guidance and other messaging or communications about the virus into specific places and groups most at risk from covid-19. ...

There are other measures we can take to protect those most at risk, particularly those from minority groups. So in my report to the Prime Minister I outlined a number of recommendations and next steps. These include mandating the recording of ethnicity data as part of the death certification process, as this is only way we will be able to establish a complete picture of the impact of the virus on ethnic minority groups; appointing two expert advisers on covid and ethnicity who will bring expertise from the fields of medicine, epidemiology and clinical research to the Government’s work going forward, ensuring that new evidence uncovered during this review relating to the extremely clinically vulnerable is incorporated into health policy; and supporting the development and deployment of a risk model to understand individual risk from research commissioned by the CMO. ...

**Marsha De Cordova (Labour):** ... Coronavirus continues to expose deep-rooted structural inequalities in our society, and these drive the health inequalities. ...

Just this week the Institute for Public Policy Research and the Runnymede Trust showed that well over 2,000 black and south Asian deaths could have been avoided during the first wave of the pandemic if those populations did not experience a higher risk of death from covid-19, and that 58,000 people would have died in the first wave if the white population experienced the same risk of death from covid as our black populations. The Government must be prepared to admit and act on the root causes of the hugely disproportionate impact that coronavirus has had on our black and ethnic minority communities. ...

Where is the Government’s plan of action to address the long-term structural inequalities, such as the deep-rooted inequalities in housing and employment, including occupational discrimination? Where is the Government’s implementation plan, with milestones, for protecting our black, Asian and ethnic minorities during this pandemic? ...

**Kemi Badenoch:** ... The hon. Lady talks about the IPPR report, and my answer is that I do not recognise those figures. Its methodology was not transparent, and our statisticians in the Cabinet Office could not understand where it got the numbers

from. I found the presentation scaremongering and alarming. ...

I wrote a letter to every single Member of Parliament asking them to share with ethnic minorities and their communities how they can join the national vaccine register, and I have been taking vaccines myself. Opposition Members have not been doing so. Especially when it comes to the hon. Lady, knowing that she has a large ethnic minority population in her community, what has she done to tell them to join the national vaccine register? We have not seen anything to that effect on her social media. ...

**Anne McLaughlin (SNP):** ... Minority ethnic women are particularly over-represented in frontline care roles, so they are at particular risk of job disruption, as highlighted in a report by Close the Gap. ...

The Minister said that help that is provided across the population disproportionately benefits black, Asian and minority ethnic people, but that does not apply to those who have no recourse to public funds. I know that she has spoken about this before, but most people who have no recourse to public funds are from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. ...

Finally, I note that the Minister said that she would include in future reports updates on other groups who are disproportionately impacted, and I want to make sure that older people are one of those groups. ...

**Kemi Badenoch:** ... [Anne McLaughlin] is absolutely right to mention older people, who are the most disproportionately impacted group. Someone who is over 70 or 80 is 80 times more likely to have the disease, whereas someone from an ethnic minority background is between 1.2 and 1.8 times more likely to have it. We must keep this in perspective, and we are looking at everybody who is impacted and vulnerable in whatever way.

**Philip Hollobone (Conservative):** ... Given the high level of concern about the impact of covid-19 on ethnic minorities, and given that a vaccine will be a very large part of the solution to the pandemic, why does she think there has been such a disproportionately low number of ethnic minority people coming forward to volunteer for the NHS vaccine registry?

**Kemi Badenoch:** ... I have been particularly disappointed at the amount of anti-vaxxer disinformation campaigns that are out there. I have received three separate messages myself from people telling ethnic minorities not to take part in vaccine trials. I am really sorry to say that an Opposition Member said in this House that the Government were using ethnic minorities as cannon fodder in their battle against coronavirus—one of the worst things that I have ever heard said in this House. That really causes division and tension. ...

**To read the very lengthy statement, and question and answer session in full see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-10-22/debates/A4EB27E9-2078-498B-BBDC-0BD0EE1CDF78/Covid-19Disparatelpact>

*The Public Health England report referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/908434/Disparities\\_in\\_the\\_risk\\_and\\_outcomes\\_of\\_COVID\\_August\\_2020\\_update.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908434/Disparities_in_the_risk_and_outcomes_of_COVID_August_2020_update.pdf)

*The quarterly report referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/928646/First\\_Covid\\_Disparities\\_report\\_to\\_PM\\_Health\\_Secretary\\_Final\\_22-10-20.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/928646/First_Covid_Disparities_report_to_PM_Health_Secretary_Final_22-10-20.pdf)

*The Runnymede Report referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/Runnymede%20Covid19%20Survey%20report%20v3.pdf>

*The Close the Gap report referred to above can be read at*

[https://www.closesthegap.org.uk/content/resources/1557499847\\_Still-Not-Visible.pdf](https://www.closesthegap.org.uk/content/resources/1557499847_Still-Not-Visible.pdf)

## Government Equalities Office

**Quarterly report on progress to address COVID-19 health inequalities**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/928646/First Covid Disparities report to PM Health Secretary Final 22-10-20.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/928646/First_Covid_Disparities_report_to_PM_Health_Secretary_Final_22-10-20.pdf)

## Department for Education

**Guidance: Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Non-statutory guidance for providers running out-of-school settings**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-out-of-school-settings-code-of-practice/keeping-children-safe-during-community-activities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition-non-statutory-guidance-for-providers-running-out-of-school-settings>

**Out-of-school settings (OOSS) voluntary safeguarding code of practice: Government consultation response**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/out-of-school-settings-voluntary-safeguarding-code-of-practice/outcome/out-of-school-settings-ooss-voluntary-safeguarding-code-of-practice-government-consultation-response>

**Keeping Children Safe during Tuition and Activities for Faith Groups**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/927742/6.6521\\_DFE\\_OOSS\\_Information\\_Leaflet\\_Tuition\\_and\\_activities\\_for\\_faith\\_groups\\_A5\\_v5\\_WEB\\_6\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/927742/6.6521_DFE_OOSS_Information_Leaflet_Tuition_and_activities_for_faith_groups_A5_v5_WEB_6_.pdf)

## Office of the Independent Adviser on Antisemitism

**From anti-vaxxers to antisemitism: Conspiracy theory in the COVID-19 pandemic**

<https://antisemitism.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Antisemitism-antivaxxer-report.pdf>

## Scottish Government

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fb36s6>

## Welsh Assembly Written Answer

**Labelling: unstunned ritual slaughter**

**Darren Millar (Conservative)** [WQ81260] What action is the Welsh Government taking to enable consumers the ability to choose whether to consume meat sourced from animals which have been subject to unstunned ritual slaughter?

**Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs:** Our priority is to ensure the regulatory framework inherited from EU membership is successfully carried forward beyond the end of the transition agreement, irrespective of whether the UK secures a trade agreement with the EU or not. The current food labelling regulations do not require the provision of information on method of slaughter.

We do not propose to consider changes to food labelling until after that time.

<https://record.assembly.wales/WrittenQuestion/81260>

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### House of Commons Written Answers

#### UNRWA: Finance

**Christian Wakeford (Conservative)** [103668] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 6 October 2020 to Question 91204 on UNRWA: Finance, how much funding the UK has allocated to the UN Relief and Works Agency in 2020.

**James Cleverly:** The UK has allocated £51 million for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for 2020.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-10-14/103668>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-09-16/91204>

#### Occupied Territories: Demolition

**Anna McMorrin (Labour)** [104176] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate he has made of the (a) number and (b) cost to the public purse of UK aid-funded projects in the West Bank and Gaza which have been demolished by Israeli authorities; and whether he plans to fund their replacement.

**James Cleverly:** The UK is concerned by the continued demolitions of Palestinian structures by Israeli authorities. In all but the most exceptional of circumstances demolitions are contrary to International Humanitarian Law. We have made clear to the Israeli authorities our serious concern at the increase in demolitions of Palestinian properties in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem. Between 2015 and 2019, around eight per cent of West Bank Protection Consortium (WBPC) structures were demolished or seized by the Israeli authorities. The UK continues to fund the WBPC, and has provided a total of £1.9 million to the WBPC and its activities since 2018. Our legal aid programme supports Bedouin communities and Palestinians facing demolition or home eviction in both the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-10-15/104176>

### House of Lords Written Answers

#### Israel: Palestinians

**The Marquess of Lothian (Conservative)** [HL8870] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the potential impact on Israeli–Palestinian relations of the Israel–United Arab Emirates normalisation agreement, signed on 15 September.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We warmly welcome the agreement between Israel, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. We welcome both the decision to normalise relations, as well as the suspension of plans for annexation - a move the UK has opposed as it would have been counterproductive to securing peace in the region. We profoundly hope that this moment can be used as a step towards direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, as there can be no substitute in order to reach a two-state solution and a lasting peace. The Foreign Secretary visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories on 24-25 August and encouraged the leaders of Israel and the Palestinians to build on this momentum. We urge the Palestinian Authority to resume co-operation with Israel, which is in the interests of the Palestinian people. We also call on both parties to make constructive and open

steps towards a return to dialogue.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-10-07/hl8870>

### **Israel: Palestinians**

**Baroness Eaton (Conservative)** [HL8922] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ask the Palestinian Authority to drop their preconditions for peace talks with Israel.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK is committed to making progress towards a two-state solution. We firmly believe a just and lasting resolution that ends the occupation and delivers peace for both Israelis and Palestinians is long overdue. Only the leaders of Israel and the Palestinians Authority can determine the needs and aspirations of their people. However, we have encouraged them to resume cooperation and work towards further dialogue. Ultimately, there is no substitute for direct talks, which is the only way to reach a two-state solution and a lasting peace. Meanwhile, the parties should do all they can to reverse the negative trends - including systematic settlement expansion and demolitions in the West Bank, violence and incitement, and the dire situation in Gaza.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-10-08/hl8922>

## **UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

### **UN expert calls for Israel to end practice of administrative detention and immediately release Maher Al-Akhras**

Israel should release a Palestinian detainee who has been on hunger strike for close to 90 days and end its practice of administrative detention, under which people can be held indefinitely without trial, sometimes for years.

Maher Al-Akhras began a hunger strike in late July after he was arrested. Israeli security forces accuse him of being a member of Islamic Jihad, a charge he denies. The Israeli Supreme Court has rejected his petitions for release three times.

"Mr. Al-Akhras is now in very frail condition, having gone without food for 89 days," said Michael Lynk, special rapporteur for the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967. "Recent visits by doctors to his hospital bed in Israel indicate that he is on the verge of suffering major organ failure, and some damage might be permanent." ...

"Administrative detention is an anathema in any democratic society that follows the rule of law," Lynk said. "When the democratic state arrests and detains someone, it is required to charge the person, present its evidence in an open trial, allow for a full defence and try to persuade an impartial judiciary of its allegations beyond a reasonable doubt.

"Administrative detention, in contrast, allows a state to arrest and detain a person without charges, without a trial, without knowing the evidence against her or him, and without a fair judicial review," he said. "It is a penal system that is ripe for abuse and maltreatment." International law allows a state to use administrative detention only in emergencies, and only if a fair hearing can be provided where the detainee can challenge the allegations against her or him. In an occupation, Article 78 of the Fourth Geneva Convention only permits an occupying power to employ administrative detention "for imperative reasons of security."

Israel has been regularly criticized by international human rights organizations for its promiscuous use of administrative detention. According to Israeli Prison Services data obtained by B'Tselem, The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, there were 355 Palestinians being held in administrative detention by Israel as of 31 August 2020.

While Israeli courts allow for a form of judicial review for administrative detainees, the

Israeli Supreme Court (sitting as the High Court) has regularly approved the practice and refused Mr. Al-Akhras's request for release in a ruling in mid-October. Two previous petitions for his release had been rejected by the Israeli Supreme Court.

Israel also regularly incarcerates its Palestinian administrative detainees in Israeli prisons, a violation of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which says protected people under occupation should be detained in the occupied territory ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26415&LangID=E>

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## Foreign Affairs

### Westminster Hall Debate

#### **Persecution of Christians and Freedom of Religion or Belief**

*col 381WH* **Rehman Chishti (Conservative):** ... I came to this country in 1984 at the age of six and as the son of an imam. My family and I were able to practise our faith openly and freely and were welcomed with open arms in Gillingham. A moral duty on me, whether in Parliament, as envoy or in everyday life, is to stand up for the rights of individuals from minority faiths around the world, so that they are able to practise their faith or belief openly and freely, as I did in Gillingham and as I do now in my home towns of Gillingham and Rainham. ...

*col 382WH* As my right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary stated at the time of my appointment [as special envoy covering issues of freedom of religion or belief] : "A staggering 83% of the world's population live in nations where religious freedom is threatened or banned. It is an area where the UK can and must make a difference." ...

*col 383WH* ... the Bishop of Truro's independent review ... was a direct response to wide-ranging reports that the suffering of Christians globally and especially that of Christian minorities is of such a scale and intensity that it can no longer be ignored by the Government or other actors. ...

"Across the globe, in the Middle East, Asia and Africa, Christians are being bullied, arrested, jailed, expelled and executed. Christianity is by most calculations the most persecuted religion of modern times." ...

It would not be fair of me if I did not refer to what Bishop Philip said on page 7 of his report. He wrote: "To argue for special pleading for one group over another would be antithetical to the Christian tradition. It would also, ironically, expose that group to greater risk. We must seek FoRB for all, without fear or favour." ...

*col 384WH* For me, freedom of religion or belief is a fundamental right for everyone. It is crucial for a peaceful, prosperous, virtuous society as well as being a national security priority. ...

On 13 September 2020, after one year in office, 17 of the Truro recommendations were either fully implemented or progressed. ...

*col 385WH* I must highlight what minorities around the world have faced during covid-19. First, some Governments have used the pandemic to further repress religious minorities. Secondly, religious minorities are often discriminated against when it comes to the provision of food, aid and healthcare. Thirdly, some religious minorities are being blamed for the spread of covid-19 and are targeted as a result. Fourthly, online propaganda campaigns are targeting religious minorities. Fifthly, technology is being used to further repress, discriminate or surveil religious minorities. That is why the United Kingdom alone cannot make a difference. ...

*col 391WH Lisa Cameron (SNP):* ... In much of the world, freedom of religion is, indeed, the linchpin on which other freedoms rest—such as the freedom to congregate, freedom of speech, and freedom of expression. Those rights are interdependent and absolutely inseparable. That is one of the reasons why the issue should be seen as such a priority for Government. It is not just because of the faith groups that depend so heavily on Government to champion those freedoms, across the United Kingdom; it is also for the whole of society, because the other rights that non-religious groups and other organisations depend on rest solidly on the foundation that has been set. ...

*col 392WH Fiona Bruce (Conservative):* ... As the report says, genocidal actions against Christians are high on the agenda of concern. The report contains a quote from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks: “The persecution of Christians throughout much of the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, [and] elsewhere is one of the crimes against humanity of our time.”

Yet, as I say, we fail to hold perpetrators to account or recognise genocide. The UK does not have comprehensive early warning monitoring mechanisms and does not engage in genocide determination. ...

*col 394WH Imran Ahmad Khan (Conservative):* ... one of the cornerstones of the United Kingdom is our fundamental belief in the individual’s right to live freely without fear, threat or harm, regardless of whether it is from other individuals or the state. ...

In absolute terms, Christians are the most persecuted of those groups, and they have been subject to violence, extrajudicial killings, involuntary disappearances, social persecution, the suppression of public expression and attempts to cleanse regions of religious belief over a prolonged period. ...

As we redetermine our place in the world following Brexit, a key part of global Britain must be defending the values that underpin our society—namely pluralism, tolerance, diversity and individual liberties—wherever they may be assaulted. Standing up to these nations and protecting the rights of individuals to live, work and worship as they please will be vital. ...

*col 395WH Jim Shannon (DUP):* ... Covid-19 has exacerbated the plight of Christians and other religious minorities across the world, because they get blamed for the virus and for spreading it. I will speak up for the Jewish community, who have faced dramatic increases in antisemitic hate speech as a result of covid-19. ...

*col 396WH Alexander Stafford (Conservative):* ... It seems perverse that Christians face greater oppression now than at any other point in recent history. It is also an uncomfortable reality that the persecution of Christians is largely unacknowledged by leading Governments, for various reasons, but while we prevaricate, Christians across the globe are being attacked, harassed and killed because of their religious beliefs. ... As a Catholic, I can see the ways in which people of Christian faith enrich discourse and dialogue in the United Kingdom every single day. However, in many countries, Christians are regarded with suspicion, contempt, and often outright hostility. ...

*col 397WH David Linden (SNP):* ... In 2011, in Egypt’s Tahrir Square, Christians formed a human shield around Muslims who were on their hands and knees praying. For me, that is the essence of what freedom of religion and belief is all about: when people of different faiths or no faith whatsoever come together in respecting each other and upholding that freedom. ...

*col 403WH The Minister for Asia (Nigel Adams):* ... I can start by reaffirming the Government’s unwavering commitment to freedom of religion or belief. ...

Diplomacy and development go hand in hand. Religious intolerance and persecution are often at the heart of foreign and development policy challenges. Where freedom of religion or belief is under attack, other human rights are often threatened too. The newly merged FCDO is using all its diplomatic tools to ensure that no one suffers because of their conscience. ...

col 406WH I want to assure the House that the Government will continue to be a long-standing champion of human rights and freedoms. We have a duty to promote and defend our values of equality, inclusion and respect at home and abroad. We will continue to stand up for the rights of minority communities around the world and defend the right to freedom of religion or belief for everyone everywhere. ...

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-10-21/debates/509B11B8-E3B9-4590-96D2-AF982F410138/PersecutionOfChristiansAndFreedomOfReligionOrBelief>

*The Bishop of Truro's review, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://christianpersecutionreview.org.uk/storage/2019/07/final-report-and-recommendations.pdf>

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## **Relevant Legislation** \*\* new or updated today

### **UK Parliament**

#### **Assisted Dying Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2592>

#### **Education (Assemblies) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2579>

#### **Genocide Determination Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2621>

#### **Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2608>

#### **Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2584>

### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/domestic-abuse-protection-scotland-bill>

#### **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill**

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/hate-crime-and-public-order-scotland-bill>

#### **Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/post-mortem-examinations-defence-time-limit-scotland-bill>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated today

**Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type B Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations**  
(closing date 20 November 2020)

<https://consult.gov.scot/population-health/consultation-specified-type-b-procedures/>

**Getting Married: A Consultation Paper on Weddings Law** (closing date 3 December 2020)

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/weddings/#weddings-consultation-paper>

**Hate crime laws** (closing date 24 December 2020)

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/hate-crime/>

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