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Dear Donald,

I wanted to write to the Covid-19 Committee following my appearance on 16 September to provide further information on one of the issues raised.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions By Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020**

The Committee asked about the production of guidance to assist Local Authorities in utilising the new powers under the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions By Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020. I confirmed to the Committee that the production of guidance was in progress, with stakeholders feeding into that process. This guidance was published today and is available here –

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-authority-directions/>

We will look to review and update this guidance if Local Authorities identify a need for any further information to be included as they come to use the new powers available to them.

I hope that the Committee find this further information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

**MICHAEL RUSSELL**

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