

COVID 19

Updated additional guidance for the Health & Social Care sectors

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Why we have created this document

This document supplements our '[Additional guidance for the Health and Social Care sectors](#)' which was published in June 2020. The guide contained useful information for agencies supplying to the NHS during the COVID 19 pandemic. It also explained the temporary adjustments made to legal and regulatory requirements that agencies must comply with to protect candidates, patients, and the public.

The NHS framework operators collectively updated [their guide](#) to include measures to support the onboarding of temporary workers and updated several requirements for NHS Trusts using agencies. The updates include:

- [COVID-19 guidance](#) published by Public Health England
- pre-employment checks (including interviews, right to work, DBS, professional registration and qualifications, references and employment history) published on the [NHS Employers website](#)
- using distance learning as an alternative to face-to-face training
- testing arrangements for essential workers
- risk assessments for substantive, bank and agency workers
- how to report workers with COVID-19
- payment of temporary workers on live assignments under [PPN 02/20](#)

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