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Dear colleague,

## **Deployment of staff during the COVID-19 response**

I am writing to bring your attention to summary guidance, published today, that sets out the key considerations in the safe deployment of existing staff and those joining the NHS to provide temporary support as part of our comprehensive response to COVID-19.

A copy of the guidance is attached to this letter. To make sure you continue to have access to the most up to date version, please visit [our website](#), where you can find this and other helpful resources.

The guidance has been developed in collaboration with all national heads of professions and Health Education England. It is supported by professional regulatory bodies and the Staff Partnership Forum and sets out the:

- principles to consider when deploying staff into settings and roles which are unfamiliar to them
- consideration of the issues for each professional group
- statements from professional regulators
- training resources ([www.hee.nhs.uk](http://www.hee.nhs.uk) – eLearning for healthcare)
- indemnity arrangements.

Should you have any queries about any of the employment aspects of this guidance (such as indemnity arrangements), you can contact NHS Employers [CovidAdvice@nhsemployers.org](mailto:CovidAdvice@nhsemployers.org) for further advice.



I would be grateful if you could share this guidance with your nurse director, medical director, and clinical governance leads. I would also be grateful if you would act as a point of contact for any queries that arise from the issues set out in the guidance, escalating queries to the contact points as required. For any enquiries on any other aspect of the guidance, please contact [england.coviddeployment@nhs.net](mailto:england.coviddeployment@nhs.net) and my team will be happy to help.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the fantastic work that you and colleagues across the NHS are continuing to do.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Prerana Issar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a distinct 'I'.

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