

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive

Last night's announcements by the Prime Minister and the First Minister place even greater restrictions on our lives. As you will all know, we are now being instructed to restrict our movements including limiting ourselves to essential travel to and from work and to working at home when possible.

Within these newly announced rules, our first and foremost responsibility must be to protect our frontline health and social care services and to ensure we are well organised to support continuity of care for our patients. Our recruitment team has been working tirelessly over the past few weeks to fast track the recruitment process and bring in hundreds of extra staff in key roles including estates, domestics and portering, nursing and medical staff and this will continue.

We will also be identifying staff who currently work in non-essential roles to consider who can be reassigned elsewhere to support frontline services.

If you work in a non-essential role, you may be required to move in the short to medium term. In the meantime, staff should discuss with their line manager the potential for them to work at home. If you require to come to work, then you should be supported to observe social distancing and to create separation spaces of two metres between workstations.

I remain grateful to you all for your tremendous response to this fast evolving situation. We can all take pride in the way our teams are responding to these unprecedented challenges.

Thank you.

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