



To: Chief Executives of all NHS acute trusts,
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Dear colleagues

HSE COVID-19 SPOT CHECK INSPECTION – FINDINGS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your teams for your on-going commitment and dedication to maintaining high quality healthcare services throughout these incredibly challenging times.

The health and safety of workers is a priority and, as Britain's regulator for workplace health and safety, HSE has been supporting the national effort to tackle coronavirus in a number of ways, including through a COVID-19 spot inspection programme.

As part of this programme, 17 acute hospitals were inspected across Great Britain during December and January. We carefully analysed the outcomes from the inspections so that we could use this opportunity to share learning and enable you to swiftly identify any common areas that may need improvement.

I have therefore enclosed a summary of our findings along with a number of recommendations in anticipation that you will use it in a constructive way alongside your other quality improvement approaches to ensure your COVID -19 arrangements are robust as they can be.

Whilst the inspections were carried out in acute hospitals the common themes we identified may also be applicable across a variety other health and social care settings and services.

Should you need to clarify any of the content please send your enquiry to Public.Services-Sector@hse.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Harvey Wild'.

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