

Nurses

Coronavirus Bill 2020: Guidance on the Government's proposed legislation to fight Coronavirus. The Bill will go for second reading on 23.03.20 and should receive Royal Assent by the end of March.

Emergency registration of health professionals

Emergency registration of nurses and other health and care professionals

Schedule 1 contains temporary modifications of

- The Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and the Health Professionals Order 2001

Suitability

- Nursing and Midwifery Council has stated for nurses they will create a Covid-19 temporary emergency register and they will first invite all nurses who have left the register within the last three years to opt in but only those who are considered 'fit, proper and suitably experienced.'

Returning to Clinical Care

- NMC will encourage nurses who are registered but not working in clinical care to consider coming into clinical practice.

Students

- NMC will allow nursing students to opt to undertake their final six months of their programme as a clinical placement.

Plans & Protection

- For the NMC the midwifery and nursing emergency registers will go live within 24 hours of the emergency legislation being passed by Parliament and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care advising the NMC that we are in a state of emergency.
- The government is ensuring that legal protections will be in place for those who take part in work as part of the Covid-19 response.