

Joining NBT during COVID-19 pandemic

Several initiatives have now been rolled out formally to support the workforce in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Students

NHS Staff Council has issued advice on the job descriptions and bandings for the potential paid placements that students could be deployed into during the pandemic period. Emergency legislation has been passed to enable second and third year undergraduate students, and postgraduate students, to undertake extended paid placements to support the NHS' response to COVID-19. You can download and read a copy of this letter, which confirmed that these placements can be counted towards the clinical hours required for students programme of education.

National guidance for nurses [click here](#).

We are encouraging 3rd and 4th year medical students to come and join our Bank in HCA roles. Please apply via our NBTeXtra bank NBTeXtraRecruitment@nbt.nhs.uk. In addition the GMC is approving early registration of final year medical students to take up interim F1 posts between now and August. **Please see guidance here**. To apply for one of these posts you will need to follow the **UKFPO application process here**.



Returning doctors

As a qualified and experienced health and social care professional who has either temporarily or permanently left the NHS, your colleagues and local community are in urgent need of your support to join the fight against COVID-19 in a number of different ways that don't have to involve frontline care.

You can contact us direct via email MedicalPersonnel@nbt.nhs.uk. Alternatively you can contact the national register by [completing this survey](#).



Returning nurses & midwives

The NMC's Covid-19 temporary register is extended to nurses or midwives who have left the register up to five years ago.

Nurses not working in clinical care can return to clinical practice or to a range of indirect care roles such as working with students on placement and other relevant staff during the Covid-19 outbreak. More info on joining or staying on the register [on the NMC website](#)



Rapid Response Professionals – NHSP

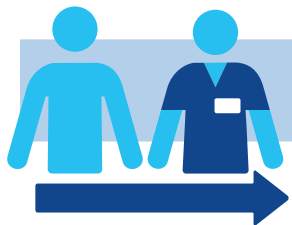
NHS Professionals (NHSP) have launched a **COVID-19 rapid response service** to boost support for frontline services, enabling qualified nurses and other healthcare professionals, who may or may not be currently working in the NHS and who want to help in the battle against the current pandemic, to move quickly and safely to the frontline. These roles include:

Registered roles

- Ambulance Practitioners
- Biomedical Scientists
- Community Psychiatric Nurses
- Doctors
- GP's
- Nursing Associates
- Occupational Therapists
- Paramedics
- Pharmacists
- Physiotherapists
- Registered Nurses
- Theatre Practitioners

Unregistered roles

- Care Support Worker / Healthcare Assistant
- Domestic / Cleaner
- Driver
- Food Services /Catering
- Mortuary Technician
- Office Services
- Phlebotomist
- Porter
- Security



DWP Registered nurses & midwives

Registered nurses and midwives working for the Department of Work and Pensions and its contractor organisations are being asked to redeployed to work in the NHS. This will be through a secondment agreement approach with an initial period of 3 months and then review.



Physicians Associates (PAs)

As a Physicians Associate you will play a vital role in supporting our medical workforce during the Covid-19 outbreak. We are encouraging applications from qualified PAs, year 1 student PAs to come and undertake one of our HCA roles. For more information please email NBTExtraRecruitment@nbt.nhs.uk or call 0117 414 6000



Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

Health Education England is working with the Chief Allied Health Professions (AHP) Officer and AHP leadership team across NHS England and NHS Improvement, Public Health England and partners to provide a system-wide response to COVID-19 from the allied health professions (AHPs).

If you have received a letter from the HCPC please follow their instructions. This will allow you to be temporary registered and practice under protected status. For those who wish to return to the register later, you will need to follow the HCPC RTP guidance.

It is still possible to return, support and provide your skills even though not registered with the HCPC by visiting the [**NHS website**](#).



Joining our bank

At NBT we are also keen to have people willing to join us on our bank staff. Whatever your skill set, if you are registered or even if you have never worked in a health setting before we would really welcome your help right now. **Further information can be found [here](#)** or you can get in touch by emailing **NBTExtraRecruitment@nbt.nhs.uk** (or for Nightingale specific enquiries contact **recruitment.nightingale@nbt.nhs.uk**) or calling 0117 414 6000



Volunteering

Our regular volunteering opportunities are on hold due to the Covid-19 crisis. Within Southmead Hospital we have a small number of temporary non-patient facing roles that we will be looking for volunteers to fill, including:

- assisting with the distribution of donations
- basic cleaning
- call centre support
- administration
- pharmacy assistance

If you would like to know more about any of these opportunities please email **voluntary.services@nbt.nhs.uk**



Visa extensions

NHS staff with visas due to expire before 1 October 2020 will be automatically extended for one year. The extension will also apply to their family members. International student nurses and doctors will also be allowed to work more hours per week in the NHS.