



PCPF Members continue to follow HMG/RICS Guidance re. Covid-19 and site visits

Following guidance provided from RICS and HMG, in regard to preparing for, and protecting all concerned from, the risk of infection by Covid-19 coronavirus, the PCPF has drafted risk assessment advice for its members consideration prior to undertaking site visits within the healthcare sector.

In line with recent UK government guidance, professionals and firms must ensure that the risk assessment for the business and premises they are visiting or inspecting addresses the risks around COVID-19.

Members must ensure they have obtained or requested a **COVID-19 secure certificate** prior to inspection or visiting a site. All documentation should be shared electronically prior to, or after, the visit.

Suggested considerations/requests prior to a visit should include;

We need to understand what arrangements are in place to manage the risks from Covid-19

- Does anyone attending the visit fall within a Government defined vulnerable group?
- Has anyone involved in the visit had or have, COVID-19 symptoms, and has not yet completed the required period of household self- isolation, or are awaiting test results?

We would also request that during the visit:

- When occupiers are present in the premises, they should maintain social distancing in line with government guidelines
- Can you please ensure all areas relevant to the visit are open or easily accessible (e.g. plant rooms, fire escapes, cellars, lofts, doors, windows) to reduce contact with surfaces as much as possible
- Where you, or your tenants /occupiers have these, could you please coordinate all COVID-19 secure certificates for each area/ premises, or advise us if there is any reason these are not available?

Are there any “House Rules” we should be made aware of?

- What social distancing measures will be required for the subject property?
- What PPE is mandatory for the subject property?
- Are toilet /washing facilities present and are they available for our use?
- Are there any inaccessible areas or areas of heightened sensitivity?
- Is the property occupied?
- Are you aware of any issues in the property? If yes, please specify where.