Advice for Educational Supervisors, Trainers and Trainees Where Shielding for COVID-19 Pandemic Applies



All trainees shielding or shielding by proxy should have a personalised risk assessment discussion with employer's occupational health (OH) department, regardless of government advice around shielding for the general population

Decision shielding/shielding by proxy/stringent distancing required



Initial planning phase

- Meet virtually with ES or trainer/ foundation
- Discuss trainee's clinical, educational, wellbeing needs
- Use OH assessment advice
- Agree PDP for type of work and training in light of this advice
- Complete pre/during shielding documentation



Shielding/ Self-Isolation Phase

- Regular virtual meetings with ES/ other supervisor 1-2 weekly
- Check in on wellbeing and progress
- Review PDP and activities against curriculum and learning needs (see main document for ideas on work & resources)
- Document meetings on portfolio
- Discuss planning and preparation for returning to face-to-face training as appropriate



Return Phase

- When provisional date for returning to workplace and usual full duties, formal RTT plan should be drawn up
- Document this on a pre-return RTT form
- Perform gap analysis with detailed plan for return including phased return if needed
- Consider formal OH review again
- ES & trainee to meet in the first 2-3 weeks back at work to review how this is going

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