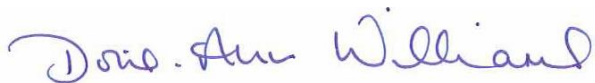


Necessary travel to provide maintenance, technical support or repair to medical equipment critical to the functioning of NHS testing laboratories and equipment.

To Whom It May Concern

In accordance with the government publication issued on the 23rd March¹, please note that this employee of a BIVDA member company is travelling to install, maintain or provide technical support to essential equipment for hospital laboratories and non-laboratory based diagnostic equipment. They therefore fall into the category described below². Without rapid installation of new test systems and support of existing ones health care provision by the NHS would be quickly compromised.

Thank you for your efforts to support the best possible level of health care provision at this critical time in this way.



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1. Government guidance on staying at home and away from others.
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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874742/Full_guidance_on_staying_at_home_and_away_from_others_1.pdf
2. Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment'.

Footnote:

BIVDA (The British In Vitro Diagnostic Association) represents UK manufacturers, developers and suppliers of tests which are used by doctors and other health care workers. These tests are essential to help diagnose and monitor health conditions and to ensure the safety of blood and tissue donations.

For further information see www.bivda.org.uk