**Can I work outside the home if I am a contact of a covid positive person? (with effect from 4 October)**

**Household contacts**

If a staff member is a household contact of someone who has covid-19 then they must self isolate and not work outside the home for 10 days following the onset of the person’s symptoms or their positive test result (if there are no symptoms). This applies regardless of vaccination status.

If the staff member becomes positive during this period then a further period of self-isolation will be required.

**Non Household Contacts**

If a staff member has been notified that they are a non-household contact by NHS Test and Trace (either directly or via the app), the primary position is that they must self-isolate and not work outside the home.

Should this cause operational difficulties, the Business Manager of the service must discuss with a member of SLT to establish if an exemption could be applied, with additional precautionary measures.

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