

Identifying children of critical workers: guidance

Critical workers

Please find below the list of Critical workers eligible for emergency provision as outlined by RCT.

Health and social care workers

All NHS and social care staff, including:

- doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other health and social care workers including volunteers organisations involved with patient discharge, transport and hospital transfers
- the administration, support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector including those third sector workers in an NHS or care setting
- those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines, and medical and personal protective equipment
- NHS Blood and Transplant frontline staff (blood donation staff, specialist nurses for organ donation, staff running therapeutic apheresis services in NHS hospitals)
- those providing ancillary support to NHS workers (such as hotel accommodation for NHS staff)

Public safety (emergency workers) and national security workers

- British Transport Police and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Fire and Rescue Service employees (including support staff)
- Ministry of Defence civilians, contractors and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of critical defence and national security outputs and critical to the response to the coronavirus pandemic), including defence medical staff
- National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas
- police and support staff
- staff of organisations required in the national security aspects of water in Wales

Education and childcare workers

- all workers in childcare settings (to include day nurseries, creches, childminders, play groups, Cylch Meithrin, after school clubs and holidays clubs)
- Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE) lecturers
- social workers
- specialist education professionals,

- support staff on site at schools, FE and HE settings such as catering, cleaners, caretakers, maintenance staff all those involved in schools/FE/HE institutions to operate
- teaching staff
- learning support staff
- Work Based Learning trainers and assessors
- Youth workers

Food and other necessary goods workers

Critical personnel in the production and distribution of food, drink and essential goods, including but not limited to:

- those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery such as, but not limited to:
 - abattoir workers
 - fishers (crewed vessels)
 - farmers
 - milk processors
 - food retailers, manufacturers, distributors
 - storage (inc. cold & hub)
 - food animal vets
- individuals that support the production, testing and front facing services of the food industry such as engineering or maintenance roles, quality control, food testing and customer relations
- those critical to the provision of other essential goods, such as medical supply chain and distribution workers, including community pharmacy and testing, and veterinary medicine in food producing and public health roles
- workers critical to the continuity of essential movement and storage of goods such as collection and delivery drivers, agricultural merchants and haulers
- essential agriculture services i.e. sheep shearers, foot trimmers, sheep dippers, supply chains