

Accessing nurses during COVID-19

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We're the **primary point of contact** for social care ensuring that providers who need to access the "Bringing back staff" deployment of registered nurses in social care settings. There are currently seven regional hubs making decisions about deployment of nurses returning to the workforce, and we want to make sure that social care needs are met in the same way as the NHS. Skills for Care is working in each region to help coordinate the voice of social care stakeholders.

All providers and employers should refer to the HM Government guidance set out in the [COVID-19: Care home support package](#) dated 14 May 2020. Providers should be taking steps to ensure they have the staff they need to provide safe and high quality care and support. The nurse returners programme provides an additional recruitment option for employers to help with nursing shortages as a result of COVID-19.

Steps to nurse deployment

Register and complete the 'Capacity Tracker'

The NHS and Social Care Capacity Tracker has been developed to include nursing workforce questions. To access deployed nurses, you must register on the NHS and Social Care Capacity Tracker and input information about your nursing workforce needs. This information is fed into the existing regional hubs and used in their nurse deployment decision making process, which is already functioning for the NHS.



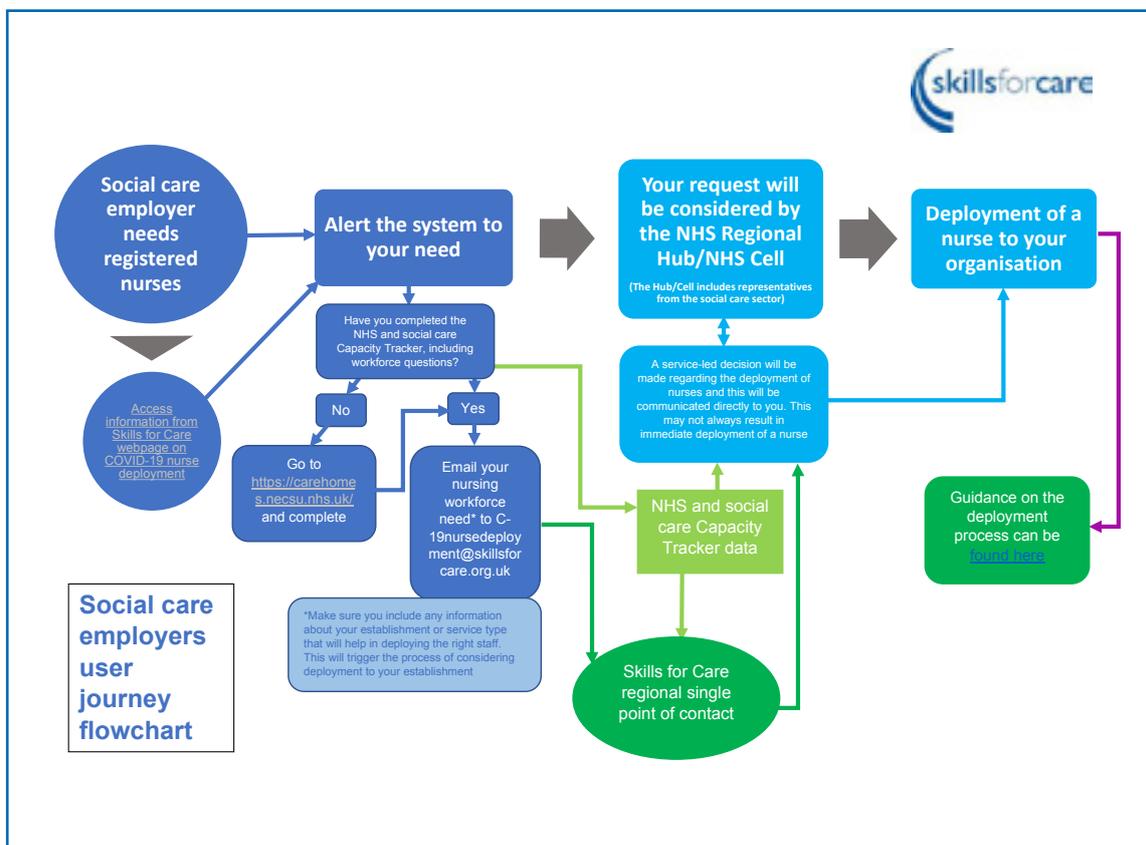
[Register on the NHS and Social Care Capacity Tracker](#)

Email us the details of your nursing workforce need

Once you have filled in the Capacity Tracker, please email details of your nursing workforce need to C-19nursedeployment@skillsforcare.org.uk. Make sure you include any information about your establishment or service type that will help in deploying the right staff. This will trigger the process of considering deployment to your establishment.

The nurse deployment flowchart

We've produced a flowchart to help you understand the provider's journey in accessing the process to request the deployment of a registered nurse into your setting during the COVID-19 crisis. The flowchart shows the journey from identifying the need for a nurse to a nurse being deployed.



Please note: we are not responsible for deploying nurses. These decisions are being made by the regional hubs; our role is to ensure that social care is included in this decision-making process.

Get in touch

Looking for nursing staff and do not have a local contact?

Please email us at C-19nursedeployment@skillsforcare.org.uk. Include as much information as you can to enable us to put you in touch with the right person.



We're continuing to develop this work with the Department of Health and Social Care and other stakeholders.