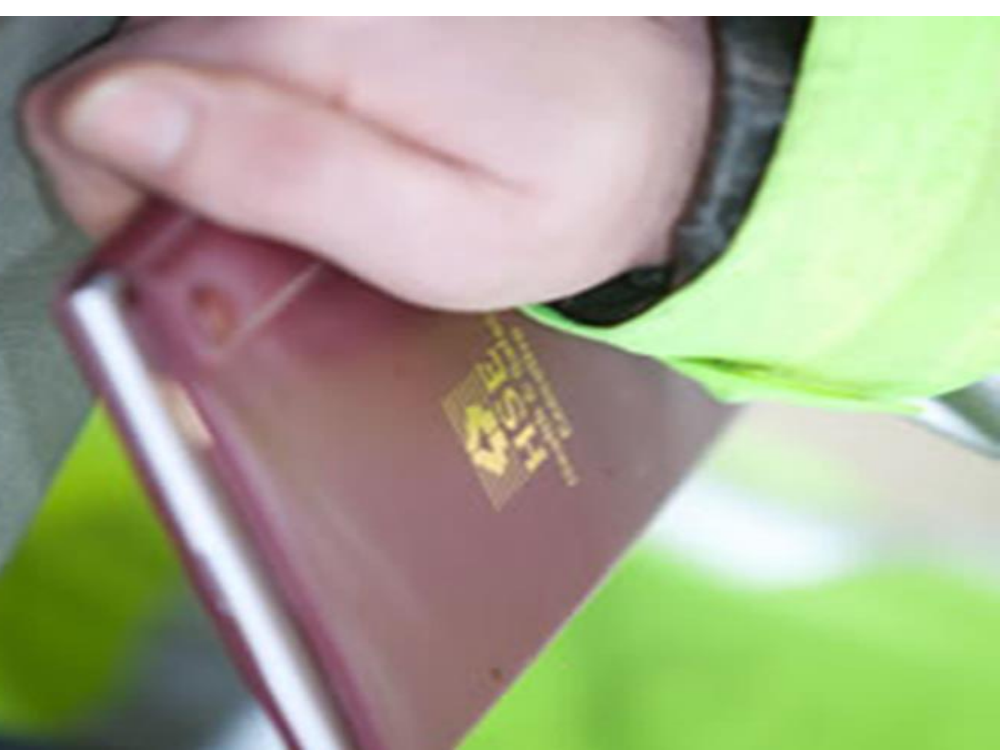


Regulating during the pandemic

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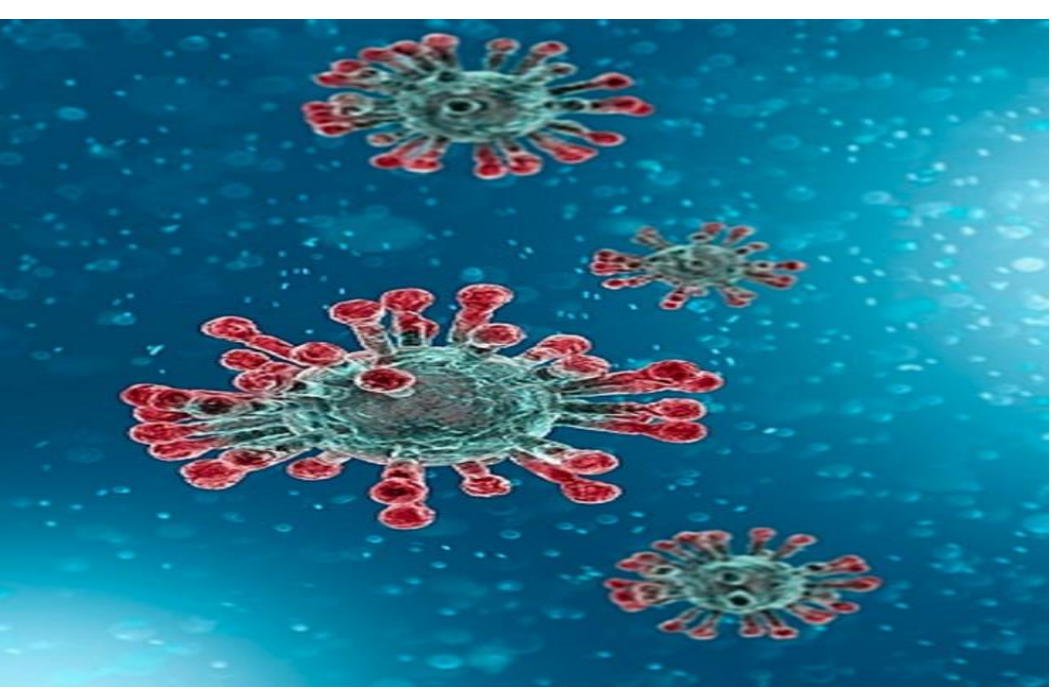
Key Challenges

- Responding to the pandemic
- On-going delivery of conventional & major hazard work programmes
- On going delivery of policy
 - End of EU Transition Period
 - Building Safety
 - Net Zero



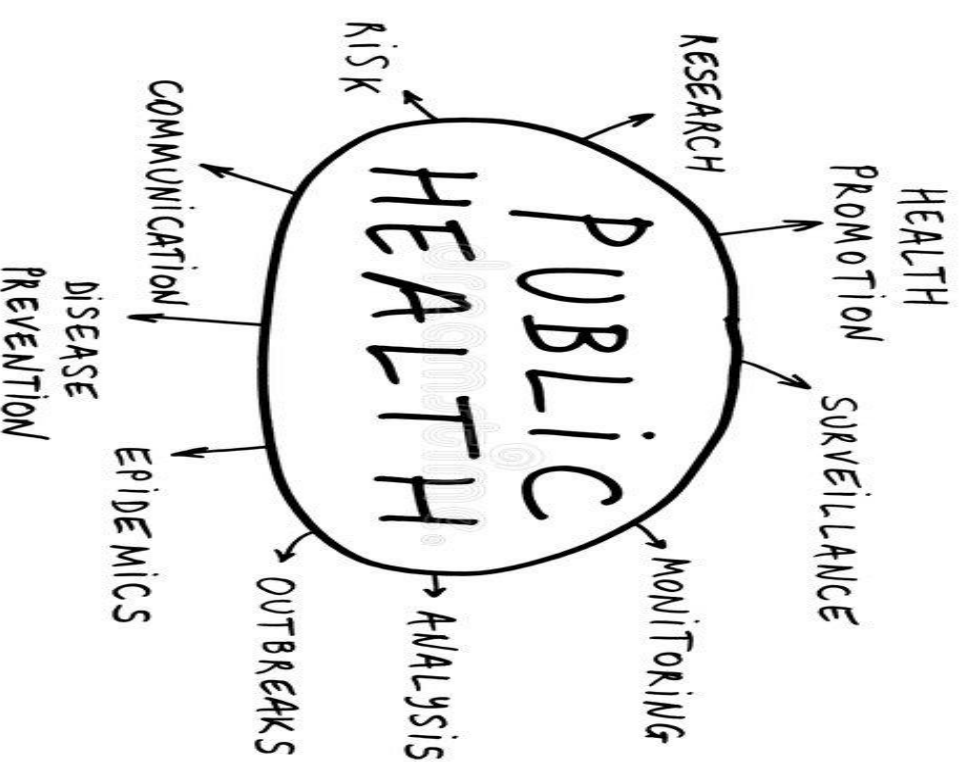
Covid-19 - Overview

- Public health led response
- Enabling & supporting - Contribution to governments activity through Sage, Safer workplace guidance, laboratory safety, hand sanitiser, PPE, etc
- Responding – advice, concerns, outbreaks, reported deaths
- Proactive – spot checks, working with local authorities (LAs)
- Communications – website, social media, locally
- HSE as employer



Covid-19 – Public Health Issue

- Public health led response
- Additional powers under public health legislation to LAs & police
 - On the spot fines
 - Ensuring work places that should not be open were closed
- HSE working under occupational h&s legal framework



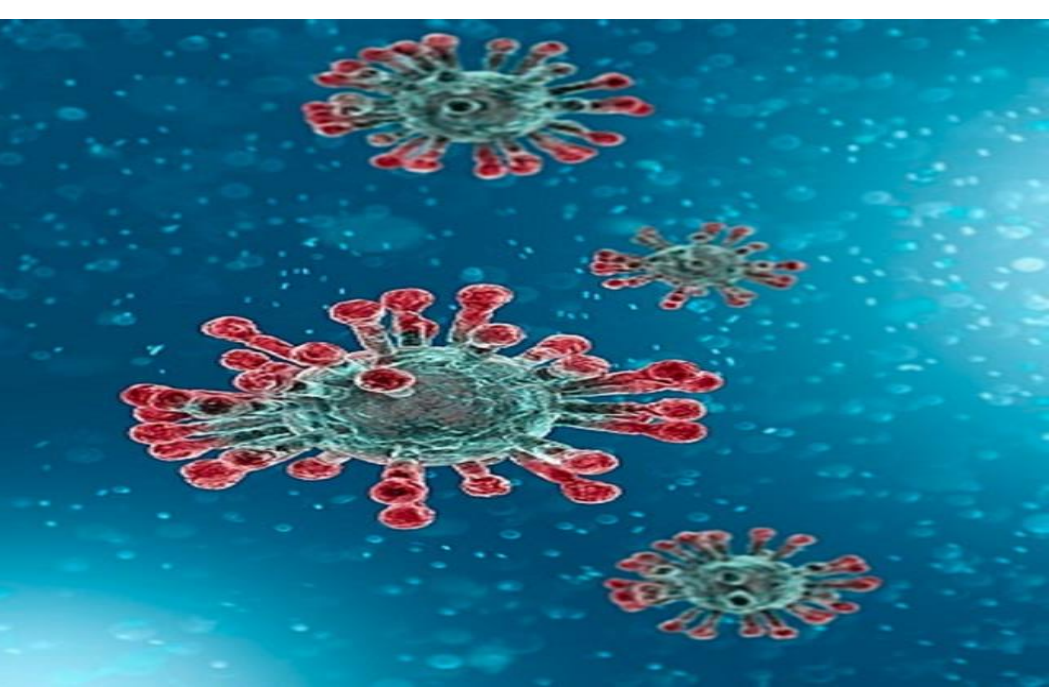
Covid-19 – Enabling & support

- Government guidance on managing risk from Covid-19 in workplaces
- Support on increasing capacity for mass laboratory testing
- Support to allow safe relaxation of the usual product authorisation processes for hand sanitisers, disinfectants, etc
- Creation of a ‘Virtual PPE Unit’ to provide technical advice to ensure supply and provision of PPE



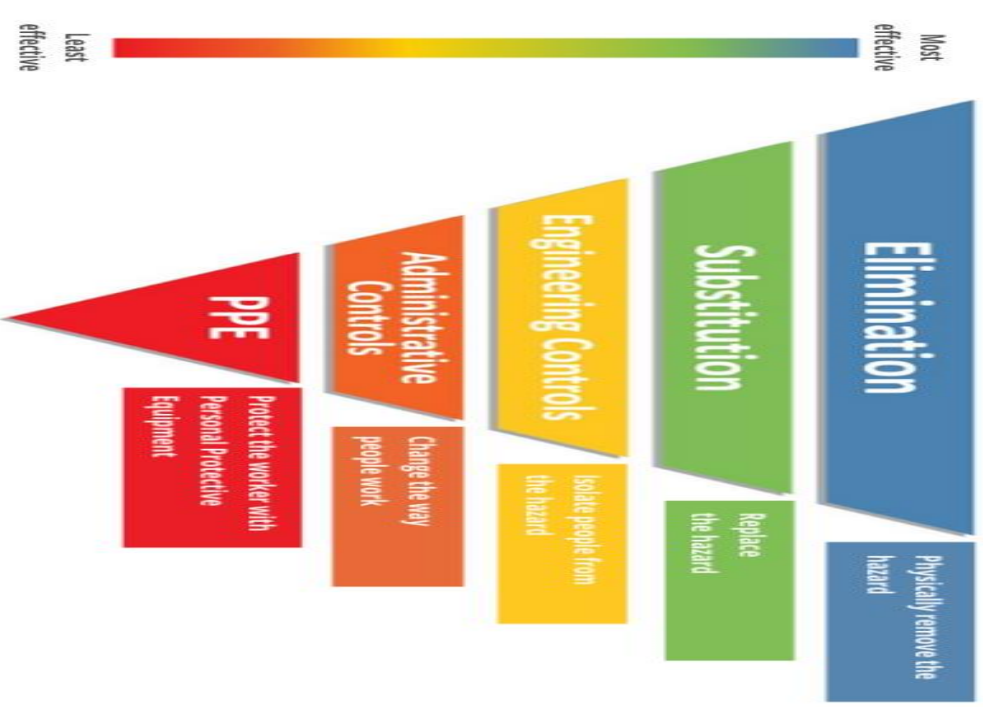
Covid-19 – Enabling & support

- HSE’s Chief Scientist a member of SAGE
- Science and research - National Core Study: Understanding the environmental and transmission risk factors related to SARS-CoV-2
- Early May 2020 announcement by PM & BEIS Secretary of State on spot checks and additional in year funding – £14M



Covid-19 - Responding

- Significantly increased capacity and capability to undertake spot checks and inspections related to Covid-19 compliance in workplaces
- Put in place a temporary blend of in house and third party capability to undertake telephone and physical on site checks
- Service offered to LAs



Covid-19 - Responding

- Responses under HSW legislation
- Over 237K spot checks
 - 100K site visits
 - Focussed on key areas (eg. schools, food, textile, etc)
- Supported public health bodies at nearly 711 outbreaks
- Responded to over 22K concerns
- Nearly 9K requests for action – verbal, in writing, notices
- RIDDOR – application & increase in notifications



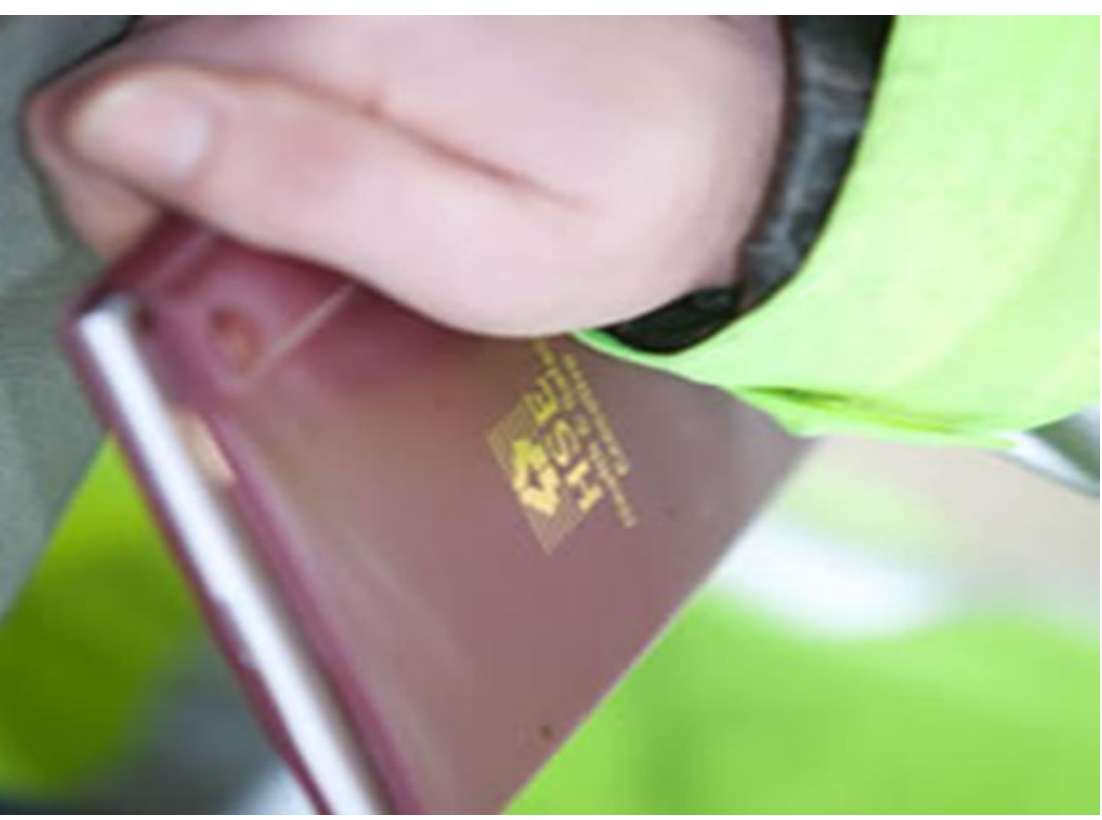
Covid-19 - Communications

- Central Government and Devolved Administrations led
- Over 420 e:bulletins
 - over 6.1m unique opens
 - generated 3.5m unique clicks through to advice and guidance
- Over 10m guidance views
- Use of social media and local communications around spot checks & outbreaks – in collaboration with LAs



Non Covid-19 Work

- Delivery of conventional & major hazard work programmes:
 - Responding to conventional fatalities & serious incidents
 - Major hazard work – onshore, offshore, critical national infrastructure
 - On-going investigatory work, inquests, & court work
- New Chemicals regime:
 - End of transition period following EU Exit
 - Developing new operating model
- Working with MHCLG on Building Safety Regulator:
 - January 2020 announcement
 - Draft Building Safety Bill developed
 - Pre-legislative scrutiny
 - Appointment of Chief Inspector



Not forgetting HSE is an employer



- Shift circa 2.5K staff from office working to home working
- Put in place Covid-19 control measures for visiting staff & offices
- Flexibility in workforce deployment
- Key focus on wellbeing, communications and engagement
- Keeping business functioning



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