

CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) STATEMENT

05:30, 17 March 2020

Our first priority is the health and well-being of our members and staff. As a membership body, we feel obliged to ensure that we take steps to minimise the risk of us unknowingly becoming a source or conduit for infection within the communities in which we live and work.

OUR CURRENT POLICY

We are monitoring travel and public health advice and aligning UKSCA policy with that of relevant governments and will ensure that our policies adapt as the situation changes. This web page will be updated with guidance when necessary and we recommend that if you have concerns you check this page regularly.

We are working hard to ensure that the UKSCA has minimised the risk from Coronavirus as far as is possible. We strongly advise members to keep themselves up to date on the latest travel and health advice from their relevant governments. The UK's [current public health advice can be found on Gov.uk](#) and advice from the World Health Organisation can be [found on their website](#).

IF YOU ARE DUE TO ATTEND A UKSCA EVENT

Based on the latest government advice to avoid unnecessary social contact and travel, we are now cancelling UKSCA events (workshops, assessment days, regional events) in March, April and May 2020. If you have booked on one of these events, please wait for the office to contact you with specific instructions for you to receive a refund or transfer to another event.

We are still actively planning to run events in the summer, including our annual conference over the weekend of 1-2 August 2020 but will continue to monitor and review our plans.

As per our policy, if any event is cancelled by UKSCA, members will be refunded, or their booking will be transferred to another event with their agreement. We regret we cannot be responsible for any additional costs incurred. As such we advise members booking travel to do so with refund options and/or ensure they have travel insurance in place as this is a fast-changing situation and decisions may be forced on us at short-notice.

HOW ARE WE DETERMINING OUR RESPONSE TO THIS SITUATION?

We are following the latest guidance and advice provided by the World Health Organisation and Public Health England.

We are working closely with our partners, in particular venues who are hosting UKSCA events.

The office team meet every morning and afternoon to review the latest developments and make any necessary recommendation to the Board for amendments to our existing position.