

SVQ OBSERVATIONS & MEETINGS DURING COVID-19

Part of your assessment will be observations of practice in the workplace. These will take place throughout the SVQ assessment phase and will be organised between the assessor, student and the employer/workplace mentor.

In order to continue these observations safely during the Covid-19 pandemic, measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of our staff and students, and the staff and service users at your organisation.

In the Workplace - where possible the assessor will conduct the observation outside. If it is necessary to go inside verbal permission should be sought by all parties present and assessors will follow the rules of conduct advised by the workplace.

Virtual Observation - it may be necessary for the assessor to conduct these observations using virtual media. The assessor will ensure that no one else will be able to view the session.

Prior to these sessions taking place, whether in the workplace or virtually, it is important that the appropriate permissions have been granted from:

- Service Users
- Parents / Guardians
- Organisation Manager

It is your responsibility as the student to ensure these permissions have been granted. You should discuss this with your manager prior to an observation taking place.

Meetings – support meetings between candidates, assessors and mentors should be done virtually where possible. If done in person, permission must be granted by the organisation manager and assessors must be advised of Covid-19 measures that are in place. For meetings taking place at Training for Care, [please read this guidance](#).