

Inquiry into the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic

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Submission:

Doctors were recruited to work in Covid screening clinics via Whatsapp. Junior doctors working in hospitals shared the contact details of [REDACTED] - simply texting him and saying they were available to work shifts. There was no orientation or training, no teaching in how to correctly wear PPE. This likely contributed to staff contracting COVID. There was no clarity around payment, how much or how often or when people would be paid. Some doctors worked over 30 shifts before being paid. Each different site ran differently and we were simply allocated a location, would turn up each day not knowing what to expect. There was no clear management or leadership at sites - traffic controllers and security guards would stand around chatting, not observing social distancing or wearing masks correctly. Multiple people attending for testing commented to me on the lack of social distancing and correct use of PPE by security and traffic staff.

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