

## Fact Sheet

# Appointed Doctors

Under certain regulations, employers have a duty to ensure workers are placed under 'statutory medical surveillance' by an 'appointed doctor'. This website explains these duties and outlines the role of appointed doctors and appointment procedures. It will be of interest to employers that need to arrange statutory medical surveillance, and both established appointed doctors and doctors interested in becoming appointed.

HSE appoints registered and licensed medical practitioners to undertake statutory medical surveillance. Under certain regulations employers have a duty to ensure workers are placed under medical surveillance by an appointed doctor.

The doctor's role is to inform employees of early signs of potential health problems caused by the work they are doing, advise them on whether further exposure to the particular hazard is appropriate and make the employer aware of any emerging issues so they can review their risk assessment and ensure risks to their employees' health are properly controlled. HSE appoints doctors by issuing a Certificate of Appointment covering one or more regulations, valid for a stated period.

Appointed doctors are accountable to HSE for the work they carry out. As a condition of appointment they undertake to adhere to standards set by HSE in regulation specific guidance for appointed doctors.



[Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 \(PDF\)](#)

[Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 \(PDF\)](#)

[Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 - licensed work](#)

[Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 \(as amended\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Guidance for appointed doctors on the Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996](#)

[Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 - non-licensed work](#)

[List of appointed doctors \(.xlsx\)](#)

[Appointed doctors forms](#)