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## Maintaining Diversity and Inclusion post-Pandemic







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#### So what...?

- Diversity and Inclusion
  - Not "nice to have"; essential!
  - Not just about equal pay, but about workplaces reflecting society
  - Disability, gender, ethnicity, sex, LGBT





#### So what...?

- Why does it matter
  - Better products, services contributions from different backgrounds
  - Attracting talent and keeping them, they feel valued
  - Happier employees everyone Thrives!





#### What is included?

- Everyone!
- Not just gender, but also:
  - Disability mental health, neurodiversity
  - Ethnicity #BLM
  - **❖** LGBT
  - Pregnancy, childcare





#### Protected Characteristics...

- Diversity and Inclusion feeds into EqA 2010
- Do not discriminate, directly or indirectly
- Supportive environment with training; less likely to run into issues





#### Common challenges

- Actively listening no assumptions
- Lead with empathy
- Avoid box ticking and tokeism
- Trust your employees WFH, flexible working etc.





#### Positive discrimination

- In recruitment?
- Unlawful if only <u>because</u> of protected characteristics, rather than qualifications
- Unlawful to set official quotas
- Positive action (e.g. equally qualified) acceptable





## What challenges do you have?





### Ask yourself:

- How confident are you about EDI at your firm?
- Do you have an EDI policy or statement?
- How often is your EDI policy or statement reviewed or updated?
- How confident are you about current terminology when talking about EDI?
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### Ask yourself:

- Is there a specific area of EDI you would like to focus on e.g. race, gender, disability, LGBTQ+?
- Do you review and monitor employee diversity data?
- Do you consider EDI in the recruitment process?





#### Ask yourself:

- Do you have staff networks? How active are they?
- How active are senior leaders in talking about and promoting EDI in the workplace?
- Do your clients ask about your EDI policies / work you are doing in this area?





#### How we can help

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- **Bulletins on Coronavirus**
- Youtube @JodieHill

#### Lockdown announcement



National lockdown on Thursday 5 November, here's what we know;

- Everyone should stay at home
- Employees should attend the workplace <u>only</u> if they cannot work from home
- Examples of industries which may not be able to WFH are factories and construction - these industries will remain open with employees attending work
- We are now back to furlough
- We expect the Job Support Scheme to be reintroduced after lockdown (read our blog for more on this scheme)





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#### Any questions?

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