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After a national assessment of the NHS Covid-19 app, the guidance has now changed to recommend that officers and staff download the app on personal devices only.

Following the launch of the NHS Covid-19 app on the 24 September, initial guidance was circulated to forces advising against the use of the app on both force-issue and personal devices in a work place setting. This was pending further discussions with the app developers. An assessment of the specifications of the app and the implications of its use was undertaken as a matter of urgency.

As a result of this assessment the app is now supported for use by officers and members of staff on personal devices only. It is recommended that officers and staff download and use the app, but this is not mandatory.

Use by covert personnel or those in particularly sensitive roles is included in the recommendation, however this should be appropriately risk assessed following consideration of more detailed guidance currently being formulated and will be circulated in the coming days.

Further information and guidance in relation to the app will be made available as part of the revised 'Guidance for Forces on Testing and Tracing for Police Employees' which is currently being reviewed and will be circulated in the next few days.