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This information message is sent to draw the attention of Equipment Co-ordinators to information which may be relevant to the safety of equipment and facilities in NHS Boards and Local Authorities. Please find the information below:

Thorough examination and testing of equipment during the coronavirus outbreak

The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has advised that dutyholders should make reasonable efforts to arrange thorough examination and testing within legal time limits. However, it will adopt a pragmatic and proportionate approach towards enforcement action if the outbreak means dutyholders cannot arrange examination and testing, provided they make sure equipment is still safe to use.

More information is available on the HSE website:

https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/work-equipment.htm?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_term=machinery-testing&utm_content=hsc-18-aug-20

As the Equipment Co-ordinator for your organisation, we recommend that you assess whether or not to forward this information to managers and staff within your area of responsibility who might benefit from being aware of it.

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