

## SHU Policy on Lone Working

- ✓ PLEASE REFER ALSO TO
- ✓ [UK GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) ADVICE](#)
- ✓ [STUDENT GUIDANCE](#) POLICIES ON
  - 'AGILE WORKING FOR STUDENTS ON PLACEMENT'
  - 'TRAVELLING TO AND FROM PLACEMENT SAFELY – COVID-19 UPDATE'
  - 'USE OF STUDENT'S OWN VEHICLE ON PLACEMENT'
  - 'STUDENT WEATHER ADVICE'
- AND
- ✓ GUIDANCE ON STUDENT WORKING HOURS/ATTENDANCE ON PLACEMENT ON THE [PROFESSION INFORMATION](#) PAGE FOR YOUR SUBJECT GROUP

### Policy Statement on Students Visiting Clients in the Community

Some students may be required to use their own transport to carry out their duties while on placement (i.e., for community practice learning experience). If this is the case, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that **they hold a full UK driving license**, that **their (or the policy holder's) motor vehicle insurance covers them for this kind of work** and that **their vehicle is roadworthy**.

**PLEASE NOTE - students may only transport patients/ clients/ service users in the student's own vehicle if authorised by the placement provider.**

Neither the University nor Placement Provider can accept any liability relating to, or from, the use of student's vehicles to or from their placement setting.

### Health and Safety of Students on Practice Learning Experiences, Visiting Clients in the Community

Students have health and safety responsibilities both to themselves and others who may be affected by their actions. Students are required to comply with Placement Provider and University and College Health and Safety Procedures. These outline what is to be done to safeguard the health and safety of all of those affected by the University's activities, including adherence to policies and guidance on Covid-19.

For students who are studying on Nursing programmes, the student's supervisor is responsible for determining the amount of direct and indirect supervision which is required. The named supervisor is accountable for their decisions to let the student work independently.

For students who are studying on Social Work, including the combined Learning Disability and Social Work, programmes; please refer to the document ['Social Work - Personal safety guidance for students undertaking placements and home visits'](#). Part of their validated course requires students to undertake placements within a family or service user setting which may require students to be supervised from a distance by personal tutors or workplace supervisors (in some cases this could be family members).

There may be times when Physiotherapy students may be working on their own or with an assistant e.g., on a community placement if deemed appropriate by the student's clinical supervisor. However, students will have, always, access to their clinical supervisor via telephone.