

**Acting in support of Border Force in the application of
'The Public Health (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2020'**

Under the regulations, when an individual arrives in Northern Ireland and has been outside the common travel area, they must provide a 'Passenger Locator Form.' This form may be completed electronically prior to travel and must include the address where the individual intends to reside during the 14 day requirement to self-isolate. This may be their home, the home of a friend or family member, or a hotel, hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation or other suitable place.

On arrival at an airport, Border Force will screen passengers. If an individual has not completed a 'Passenger Locator Form,' they will be invited to do so. The passenger can complete the form on their own mobile device or use devices provided, at the airport, by Border Force.

Should a passenger not have a suitable address to stay, Border Force can arrange a suitable temporary address or consider other legislation.

Should a passenger refuse to complete the form, refuse to provide details of an address or provides false details, there are a number of potential offences which Border Force will deal with:

- Failure to provide information either in the passenger locator form or directly to Border Force;
- Obstruction of an official;
- Providing false or misleading information.

Border Force will have the option of issuing a 'Notice of Intention to Serve a Penalty Notice' to the passenger. A Penalty Notice will follow, by post. Border Force Penalty Notices start at £60 (reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days), with the second Penalty Notice increasing to £120, followed by £240, £480 and finally £960.

If Border Force are not satisfied with the identity or address of a passenger, or the passenger continues to refuse to complete the form, they may request support from PSNI, through Silver Control. Border Force has the power to detain, for up to 3 hours, a person who may be liable to arrest pending the arrival of a constable.

Should you be tasked, by Silver Control, to attend an Airport, your role is to support Border Force in Engaging with the passenger, Explaining the process and Encouraging the passenger to follow the Border Force procedure as outlined above.

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Police will also have the power to issue a Penalty Notice (**£1000**) (COV3) in relation to the following offences (See Practical Peeler – International Travel Regulations) if appropriate:

- Failing to self-isolate
- Obstruction, without reasonable excuse, of a person carrying out a function under the International Travel regulations

Police also have a Power of Arrest under Article 26 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, if the appropriate conditions are met.

If you do make an arrest, please remember to inform the Custody Sergeant if the passenger was detained, by Border Force, at any point.

However, your role is to Engage, Explain and Encourage. Prior to taking Enforcement action, please consider local policy and request advice from Silver Control.

Please click here for the Standard Operating Procedure with UKBF

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