

Shared Insights:

Luke is a barrister at Browne Jacobson and provides advice, drafting and advocacy spanning criminal regulatory, coronial and associated civil matters. He works closely with NHS and public bodies throughout the lifetime of a case.

He was joined by Kathryn Fearn, Associate Director of Legal Services at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (UHDB).

Kathryn and Luke spoke about their experience dealing with anti-Covid protesters at UHDB. They emphasised the importance of Trusts developing a written plan so that you are ready to act quickly if anti-Covid or anti-vaccination protesters come on to your site to protest. Browne Jacobson recently assisted UHDB to deal with protesters on site and develop a plan to be followed if they return to site.

The police can exercise powers under the [Coronavirus Regulations](#) on the basis that protesters are a gathering and they are not in compliance with restrictions or attending to avoid a breach of the peace. Trusts should have a conversation at an early stage with the police can invoke under the [Coronavirus Regulations](#) and make sure the police are aware of those.

If protesters attend on site, make sure you get **witness evidence as quickly as possible**, get names and addresses for statements.

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