



## The Covid diaries: Day 8 - The devil is in the detail

A daily fly-on-the-wall blog about running a legal business during the Covid-19 crisis.

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### When the fog clears, the lawyers emerge

Yesterday we discussed the new government assistance programmes in length. Today we did so again. I feel like this pattern may continue for a while.

The problem with lawyers, is that we love pointing out what the problems are.

No one in their right mind would blame the government for the gaps we are finding in their proposed wage refund scheme. We all know they are doing their best in extraordinarily tight time frames. But when the rubber meets the road, and employers start implementing this, people need to know what they are supposed to be doing.

In other news, gender pay gap reporting has been postponed (see [here](#)). Not ideal from a gender equity perspective, but at least it's one less admin item on the to-do list.

On the business side of things, I am pleased to report GQ|Littler is now 'aggressively expanding' across the UK. We have opened offices in Devon, Birmingham and Thames Valley to name but a few. Now, these offices may just be the kitchen of our staff and no visitors are permitted, but we must see the positives where they are. Coincidentally, our central London office is a little quieter than usual.

That's enough for today, I am off to spend my allotted once-a-day outdoor activity dodging my fellow citizens on the pavement and avoiding close contact with anyone. Although, in fairness, I was doing that long before the restrictions came in.

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