



The Covid diaries: Day 39 - May I Have Some More?

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

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Today I returned from one day of annual leave.

What greeted me on my return were hundreds of pages of government guidance about reopening the economy, a new announcement that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme was to be extended until October and a protocol published by the Irish government about what employers must do to reopen their businesses.

If a week is a long time in politics, a day is a long time in employment law (for now, at least). Thankfully I was well rested from my relaxing day at home to deal with all this - from my home office.

What I will say about all this information flowing through is that any news is good news. For some time now we have been in a severe information vacuum about... pretty much everything. From when and how workplaces can reopen to what employers must do. But, at least now the flow of guidance has started there are some framework documents that we can build our advice around.

It seems like we are living in the years of uncertainty. Both Brexit and Covid-19 have been dominated by this term. So like a hungry Oliver Twist asking for some more soup, any drop of certainty we can get is gratefully accepted.

But please Sir, may I have some more?

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