

# Webinar: Covid-19 proves to be the SM&CR litmus test

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#### Before we begin









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### We will be discussing:

#### **1. Decision making**

Documenting and prioritising critical work

#### 2. Reasonable Steps

Evidencing and maintaining

#### **3. Delegation** Remote working



### Poll question 1



Q. On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 = not confident 5 = very confident) how confident are you that your people processes and governance arrangements remain fit for purpose in the 'new norm?' (single answer choice)

- 1. Not confident at all
- 2. Slightly confident
- 3. Somewhat confident
- 4. Fairly confident
- 5. Completely confident

## FCA Regulatory Focus







are committed to acting in line with our rules and principles. Some are not. We will shift our focus towards those firms that consistently fail to meet our required standards. We will move more swiftly to enforcement action against those that fail to do this and so cause harm."

## What future regulatory requirement are you or your firm prioritising now?



Focus on governance: Decision Making, Delegation 62%



Planning and designing COCON training programme



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Trialing certification processes

Certifying staff and submitting Directory information

Other, please post in the chat or Q&A

3%

13%

6%

16%





## Q. Has Covid-19 meant that landing Conduct Rules compliance by December 2020 is a secondary priority? (single answer choice)

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

If 'no', please let us know your thoughts in the Q&A function



# Impact on firm's governance and oversight arrangements

- 1. Greater regulatory flexibility
- 2. Calls into question business structure
- 3. Resource Planning Scarcity of resource and often skills
- 4. Are a firm's Business Continuity Plans really sufficiently robust
- 5. Under investment in a firms technology provision is impacting
- 6. Firms looking to review current control environment linked to risk appetite

# Do firms and their employees really understand Risk and its drivers?





### What regulated firms are telling us



## Do you think the current crisis will INCREASE the RISK of firms FALLING FOUL of SMCR? YES 5336

#### In what **AREAS** do you think **FIRMS** in **2020** will **FALL FOUL** of the **SMCR**?

589 evidencing maintained competency across all employees maintaining effective governance arrangements

46%

#### **Reasonable Steps**





#### **Delegation & Oversight**





## Demonstrating and evidencing reasonable steps by:



- 1. Reviewing your governance arrangements
- 2. Scrutinising your management information (MI)
- 3. Assessing your training for boards & SMF holders
- 4. Switch from annual assessment to evidence employee competence
- 5. Using the five conduct questions to drive your culture forward
- 6. Developing metrics to define & measure your culture

#### **Skilled Persons Reviews**

#### Skilled person reviews

First published: 21/04/2016 Last updated: 29/04/2020

Find out about skilled person reviews.

Under the Financial Services and Markets Act, as amended by the 2012 Act, we have the power to obtain a view from a third party (a 'skilled person') about aspects of a regulated firm's activities if we are concerned or want further analysis.

We can commission two types of skilled person review:

- s166 reports by skilled persons
- s166A appointment of skilled person to collect and update information.

68% were handed out to non-systemic FS firms in 19/20

42% of the 19/20 total were handed out during Jan-Mar 20

Lot Type	Dedicated	Portfolio	Total		
	Supervision Firm	Supervision	Commissioned		
	19/20	Firm 19/20	in 19/20		
A – Client Assets	1	5	6		
B – Governance & Individual	3	2	5		
Accountability					
C – Controls & Risk	5	8	13		
Management Framework					
D – Conduct of Business	2	11	13		
E – Financial Crime	5	11	16		
H – Prudential – credit,	0	1	1		
market, pension & liquidity					
risk					
J – Technology and	1	1	2		
Information Management					
N – CBEST Penetration	1	0	1		
Testing					
TOTAL	18	39	57		



## Has Covid-19 put paid to employee development?



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#### When your employees are on furlough

You cannot ask your employee to do any work that:

- makes money for your organisation or any organisation linked or associated with your organisation
- provides services for your organisation or any organisation linked or associated with your organisation.

Your employee can:

- take part in training
- volunteer for another employer or organisation



# Barriers to effective communications

- 1. Physical & Physiological
- 2. Emotional & Cultural
- 3. Language
- 4. Nothing or little in common
- 5. Lack of eye contact
- 6. Information overload and lack of focus
- 7. Not being prepared lack of credibility
- 8. Talking too much
- 9. Trying too hard
- 10. Lack of enthusiasm



## Conduct related issues within financial services





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## FCA view on applying conduct rules across employees



"We proposed applying the Conduct Rules to the majority of employees working in firms because we believe they are an important tool to achieve cultural change across organisations, and not just at the Senior Manager and Certification level. Firms should be able to *demonstrate* that they *apply the spirit* as well as *the letter* of the Conduct Rules. By this we mean that we expect firms to ensure that their staff understand what the rules mean to them in the context of their particular firm."

## **Tier 2 Conduct Rules**

You must take reasonable steps to ensure that the business of the firm for which you are responsible complies with the relevant requirements and standards of the regulatory system

You must disclose appropriately any information of which the FCA or PRA would reasonable expect notice\*





You must take reasonable steps to ensure that the business of the firm for which you are responsible is controlled effectively

You must take reasonable steps to ensure that **any delegation of your responsibilities** is to an appropriate person and that you oversee the discharge of the delegated responsibility effectively

\*Notified NED's – SC 4 Applies





Q. Since Covid-19 emerged and home working soared, has your employer provided employees with specific training to help adjust to working from home, communicating differently and adapting to new types of risk presented by different working conditions? (single answer choice)

1. Yes

2. No

If 'yes', please let us know your thoughts in the Q&A function



### Evidencing & maintaining competency

### Independent evidence of maintained competence





#### **Hide Details**

Name	Engagement	Number Of Questions Answered	Anti-ML and Bribery	<b>Financial Compliance</b>	InfoSec and Data Protection	Actions
Customer Service	57%	162	72	65	72	
Finance	91%	387	86	80	87	
Operations	94%	264	66	60	74	
Sales	91%	256	65	62	72	
Grand Total			74	68	77	

### Independent evidence of maintained competence

#### **Notification Report**



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### Putting people at the heart of your data analysis



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#### Team View - Master Firm 1- Jun 18

	Cancel/NTU	Complaints	Packager Issued	Packager Written	Persistency	ProdMix Issued	ProdMix Written	Provider Issued	Provider Written	Replacement/Exec	Suitability of Advice Check
George Lewis1	0	0	9	16	0	40	33	40	33	3	0
Kerry Lewis1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	4	5	0	1
Jake Cole1	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	7	3	0	2
Toby Porter1	1	0	6	8	0	19	32	19	32	0	3
Rachael West1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Update

#### Overall View - Master Firm 1's Team - Jun 18

KPI	KPI Total
Cancel/NTU	1
Complaints	0
Packager Issued	15
Packager Written	24
Persistency	0
ProdMix Issued	70
ProdMix Written	73
Provider Issued	70
Provider Written	73
Replacement/Exec	3
Suitability of Advice Check	6

#### Trend View - ProdMix Written Jul 17 - Jun 18 Monthly (Number) 70 60 50-40 30 20 10 0---Jul 17 Aug 17 Sep 17 Oct 17 Nov 17 Dec 17 Feb 18 Mar 18 Apr 18 May 18 Jan 18 Jun 18

	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	0ct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18
General Insurance	13/162	8/116	12/184	7/134	17/159	1/97	13/129	15/145	13/142	11/144	7/145	7/73
Investment	29/162	36/116	31/184	31/134	29/159	25/97	19/129	18/145	35/142	30/144	17/145	25/73
Mortgage	32/162	30/116	32/184	43/134	43/159	29/97	27/129	44/145	45/142	33/144	59/145	24/73
Other	22/162	19/116	19/184	14/134	17/159	16/97	17/129	29/145	20/142	18/144	29/145	5/73
Pensions & Annuity	39/162	11/116	67/184	21/134	22/159	16/97	28/129	27/145	21/142	30/144	12/145	9/73
Protection	27/162	12/116	23/184	18/134	31/159	10/97	25/129	12/145	8/142	22/144	21/145	3/73

## Call-To-Action

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#### Your next steps



Please indicate below your interest in...

- 1. Booking a demo requesting a Nelly solution demo to quantifying conduct risk and positively improving behaviour in your firm.
- Booking a demo of Accord the solution that provides regulated firms with a clear central record keeping, strong corporate governance, clear accountability and evidence of employee Fitness & Propriety.
- 3. Access our range of blogs, podcasts and webinars that will give you an up to date picture of current regulatory thinking.

### Get in contact





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