Summaries of UK Government Covid-19 support

Statutory sick pay relief package

Overview	Government will bring forward legislation to allow SMEs and employers to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for sickness absence due to COVID-19.
Operation	SMEs may recover the cost where SSP has been paid as a result of COVID 19 for a maximum of two weeks' sickness per employee.
Eligibility	› You are eligible for the scheme if: a) the business is UK based; and b) the business is a small or medium-sized and employs fewer than 250 employees as of 28 February 2020. › The scheme's eligible period will commence the day after the regulations on the extension of SSP to those staying at home comes into force.
Application	› There is no current mechanism for SSP recovery by employers. › The Government is developing a rebate scheme to administer up the repayment mechanism for employers as soon as possible. Further details will be provided in due course once the legalisation has passed. › Qualifying businesses will need to keep updated records of SSP paid as a consequence of COVID 19 for the purposes of future recovery.
Helpful information	General information on the Government schemes in operation: https://www.gov.uk/Government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-COVID-19/COVID-19-support-for-businesses