

# Working Effectively Remotely

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## Agenda

Features of remote working

Pros, cons and risks

Personal health, safety and wellbeing strategy





Remote working was a feature of my life before lockdown.
(1 star - never worked remotely, 7 stars - fully remote)



I expect remote working to remain a feature of my life in the future. (1 star - never work remotely, 7 stars - fully remote)

## Remote working





**Technology Dependent** 

**Location Independent** 





# What is the best thing about remote working?

# Benefits of remote working



Flexibility

Quality of life

Productivity





Which of these have been challenges for you when working remotely?

# Challenges of remote working



## Isolation





**Ergonomics** 





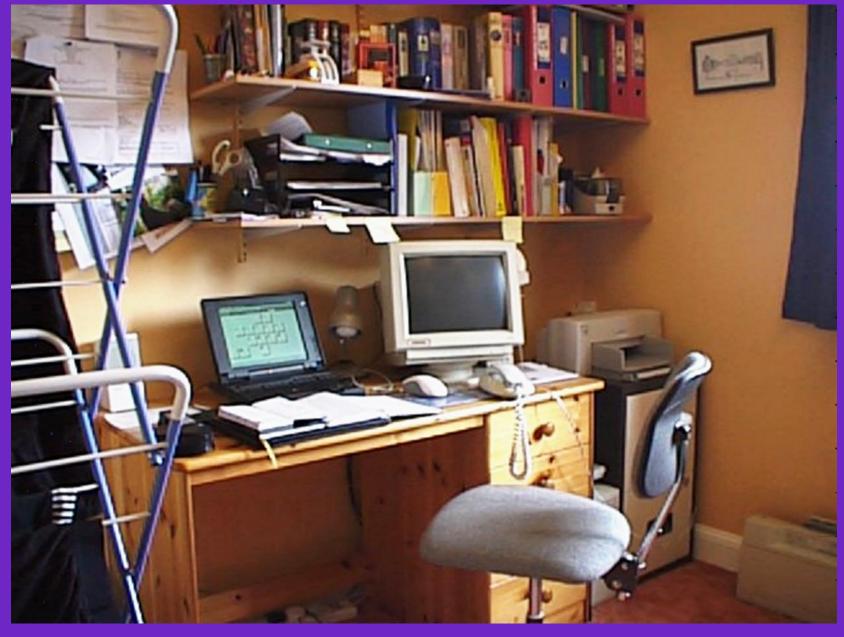
## Primary risks

## Employee:

- Physical health and safety
- Mental health and wellbeing

## Organisation:

- Effective people management
- Information security



Physical Health & Safety



# Home ergonomics









My home office now







Mental Health and Wellbeing

## 1. Keep your batteries charged

"Would you like to come to my party? – everyone will be there!"

#### Immediately:

Oh no, a big party! How can I avoid going??!!

# After 2 hours at the party:

Woa, I'm tired now, time to go home!

# At the planned finish time:

Great party, I loved it, thanks for the invite – see you at work.

# 2 hours after the planned finish time:

What? It's time to go home? But this is so much fun!
Lets do it again tomorrow!

# What gives you energy?

#### Extrovert:

- Gains energy by being with people.
- Loses energy when isolated or alone.

#### Introvert:

- Gains energy by being alone.
- Loses energy in social situations

(This is <u>not</u> to do with shyness or the desire for friendship.)

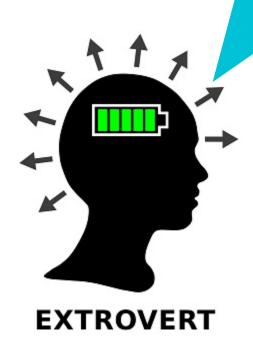




How much of an introvert/extrovert are you (are you drained/energised by social contact/solitude)?

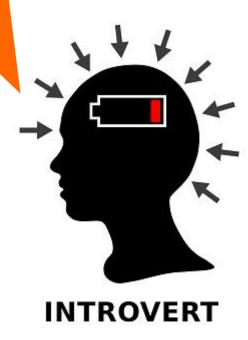
1 star - total introvert, 10 stars - total extrovert

I really appreciate having the time to catch up and talk things through..... Can we schedule a regular call, please? I find having online meetings back-to-back pretty exhausting..... Can we schedule some breaks between sessions, please?



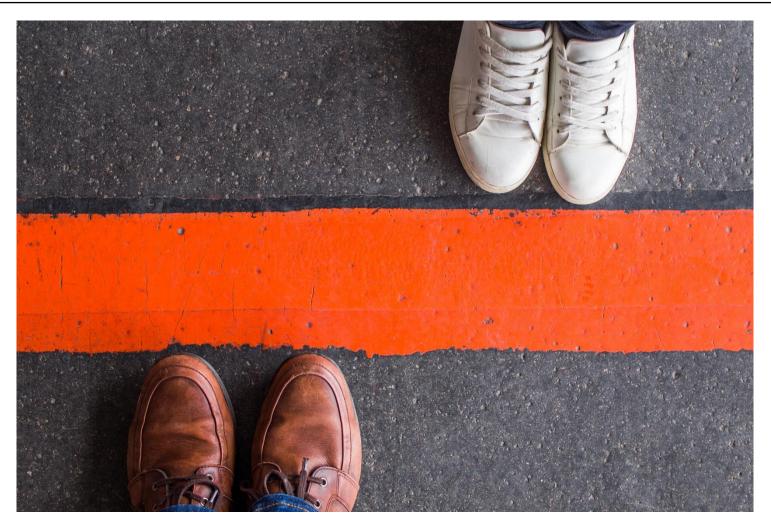
### Be intentional:

- Plan time to talk / not talk
- Discuss with manager/ colleagues





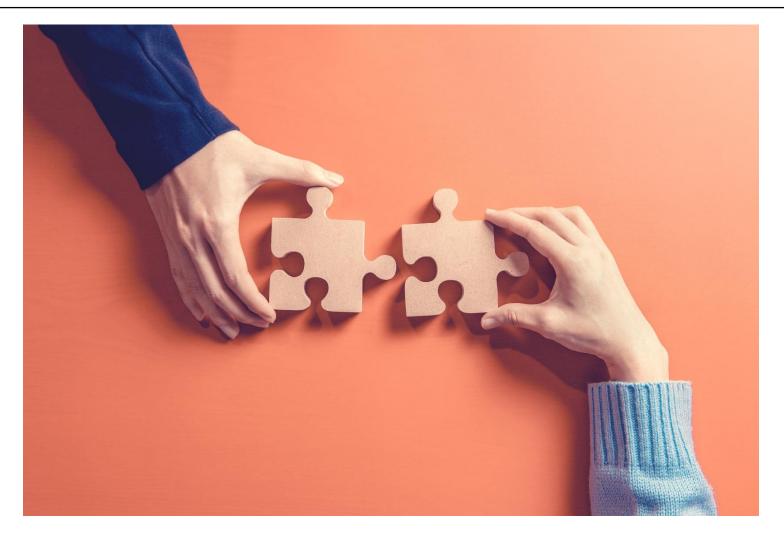
# 2. Set and maintain your boundaries





Which of these do you already do, or could you try, to create a distinction between work/non-work?

## 3. Work out what works





# Which of these is it OK to do while remote working (tick if yes)?

### 4. Positive Self Care

Follow normal patterns of daily life

Healthy food and drink

Use time management techniques

Speak up about problems and concerns





# While we have Q&A, what's your top tip for effective remote working?

