AAIAC have agreed to terminate the current “postponement of inspections and associated extension of accreditation arrangements” on the 31st October 2020. This is a further extension of what has been currently agreed and allows time for everyone to time to adapt to the new (in effect return to the old) arrangements.

From the 1st of November we will:

- Accept new applications
- Undertake inspections

Inspections will be undertaken on the following basis:

- The Provider and the Inspector need to be satisfied that they are compliant with all relevant government, regional and local authority legislation and guidance.
- The Inspector and the Provider need to undertake their own risk assessment to confirm that an inspection is practicable, reasonable and safe as possible.
- Both parties need to be in agreement regarding all of the above before an inspection takes place.
- Inspectors will follow the Provider's guidance and Covid-19 operating procedures when on site.
- Inspectors will, where practicable:
  - Practice social distancing
  - Wear a mask or face covering when appropriate
  - Follow hand cleansing and touching guidance
- Inspections will only be undertaken if activity can be observed (i.e. as per normal).

Where a Provider has applied for accreditation but the above conditions cannot be met, the accreditation will remain valid (for the normal 12 month period) until such time as an inspection is possible. The duration of accreditation will not be extended.

New applicants will not be accredited until they have been subject to inspection.