

# **Patient Information and Consent Form**

# Risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Transmission at Morag Pine's Chiropractic Clinic

## \*This Form is in addition to consent form for chiropractic examination and treatment\*

The Government published a Statutory Instrument on 26th March 2020, *no. 350 'The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020'* confirming that it is lawful for a chiropractic practice to remain open. It further defines those people who are recognised as vulnerable for the purposes of document.

Morag Pine has conducted a thorough risk assessment to ensure adequate levels of safety at this clinic are implemented and maintained. I am following the most up-to-date Government and Public Health England guidance and put in place stringent patient triage, hygiene, sanitation and infection control protocols to protect my patients and myself. Despite these precautions, there is a risk of transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is important that you understand the risk. I have provided the information below to help you decide if you wish to continue with your care at my clinic and remind you that you are under no obligation to do so.

## Precautions that Morag Pine has in place:

- All patients contacting us for an appointment are triaged by myself over the telephone to establish whether Covid-19 symptoms are present, if they are self-isolating, if anyone in their household has symptoms or is self-isolating, they have recently returned from overseas or they have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and been asked to self-isolate by NHS Track & Trace.
- I enforce a strict policy that anyone with any COVID-19 symptoms must stay away from the clinic.
- A second triage is conducted at the Clinic, including a temperature check.
- A strict cleaning, sanitation and infection control protocol is adhered to Please ask if you would like to see this document.
- There are currently no toilet facilities available at the clinic.
- The layout of the practice has been adapted to maintain social distancing.
- Patients waiting are restricted to one at any time.

- I will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your protection.
- I will ask you to use hand sanitizer, provided at the clinic, upon entry.
- I will ask you to wear a face mask (unless there is a reason that you cannot), either your own, or I can provide you with one at the cost of £1.

Morag Pine is committed to ensuring that every measure is in place to minimise the risk of exposure to COVID-19, I cannot guarantee there is no risk to you as a result of attending the clinic.

People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets.

The risk of catching COVID-19 from someone with no symptoms at all is very low. However, many people with COVID-19 experience only mild symptoms. This is particularly true at the early stages of the disease. It is therefore possible to catch COVID-19 from someone who has, for example, just a mild cough and does not feel ill. (World Health Organisation)

## **Eligibility for Care**

I am unable to offer face-to-face appointments to the following people: If you are selfisolating - until your isolation period is over and you have no symptoms; you have COVID-19 symptoms (whether diagnosed by test or not); if you are living with someone with COVID-19 symptoms (whether diagnosed by test or not); you have been in contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days by the NHS Contact Tracing Service, or you have recently returned from a country where the UK Government has imposed a 14 day self-isolation period.

As shielding has now come to an end, I am now able to accept patients from the vulnerable "High Risk" and "Moderate Risk" groups as defined by the NHS unless you have been specifically told by your GP or consultant that you should continue to shield.

If you do have any underlying health condition, I ask that you notify me so that I can take this into consideration when carrying out my risk assessment.

#### Consent to receive care at Morag Pine's Chiropractic Clinic

- I have answered all questions (triage) relating to my potential exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19) truthfully.
- I understand that there is a potential risk of transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19) as a result of attending the clinic and/or receiving treatment.
- I have had the opportunity to ask all the questions I wish to, and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
- I have read, agreed to and understood the statements above relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) risk and consent to receive care at Morag Pine's Clinic.
- I understand and agree that I will need to give separate consent regarding my chiropractic care.

#### For patients with GP/ Consultant approval or referral:

• I confirm that I have approval from my GP/ Consultant to receive chiropractic care Please tick

Patients Name:

Patients Signature:

Date:

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