



BEECHWOOD PHYSIOTHERAPY COVID19 (Corona Virus) PRACTICE POLICY

MAY 2020

This is the Covid19 Policy Statement for BEECHWOOD PHYSIOTHERAPY LTD,
Overall and final responsibility for the policy lies with the Principal, Fiona Lucas

POLICY AIM:

- **To identify the risks posed by Covid 19**
- **To advise patients, service users, staff of those risks**
- **To put in place a set of procedures to minimise the risk of spreading the corona virus, in accordance with Public Health England (PHE) COVID 19 Infection Prevention and Control guidelines.**
- **To ensure that those procedures are carried out and documented.**
- **To keep patients, service users and staff informed of those procedures and to provide appropriate protective equipment, cleaning materials and advisory information.**
- **To monitor changes in advice from the Government, Public Health England and the Professional Regulatory Bodies (CSP & HPC) and to update this policy accordingly**
- **To ensure that Beechwood Physiotherapy Ltd. works within the legal, regulatory and professional frameworks that govern safe Physiotherapy Practice**

WHAT IS COVID 19 Covid-19 is a new illness caused by the virus Coronavirus for which the body has developed no natural immunity and for which as yet no effective vaccine been developed.

It can affect the lungs and airways, resulting in high temperature, persistent dry cough and loss of taste and smell. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

HOW IS COVID19 TRANSMITTED The transmission of COVID-19 is thought to occur mainly through respiratory droplets generated by coughing and sneezing, and through contact with contaminated surfaces. The predominant modes of transmission are assumed to be droplet and contact. This is consistent with a recent review of modes of transmission of COVID-19 by the World Health Organization (WHO).

WHAT ARE THE RISKS In order to prevent and reduce the spread of the virus, it is essential to put in place a set of procedures that will maintain the safety of our patients, our therapists, our staff and members of the wider public.

GOLD STANDARD Virtual/telephone consultation remains the treatment of choice, during Phase 2 of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Before deciding whether a face to face consultation is necessary, desirable or appropriate all patients must be triaged remotely by telephone or virtual consultation using a screening questionnaire.

PRE F2F QUESTIONNAIRE

A COVID19 Health Screening Questionnaire Face to Face Consultation has been produced.

See:- Document 1

RISK ASSESSMENT

A full risk assessment has been carried out

1. For Therapists
2. For Patients
3. For Premises

See:- Document 2

CLINIC CLEANING PROCEEDURES

A separate Clinic Cleaning Procedure has been produced

See:- Document 3

PATIENT INFORMATION

A comprehensive Patient Information Leaflet has been produced

See:- Document 4

CONSENT FORM

The original BWP Patient Referral consent form has been amended to include a section on COVID19.

Patients must read and sign this before Face to Face appointments can be booked.

See:- Document 5

DUTY OF CANDOUR

In the event that a patient previously treated at Beechwood Physiotherapy contracts COVID19, the company has a duty of candour to inform all patients that have subsequently been seen at the clinic.

Patient confidentiality must be maintained.

REVIEW DATE: JULY 2020, or sooner in line with Government/PHE/Professional Regulatory Bodies advice.