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## Site/Clinic Risk Assessment for Blunsdon Abbey Physiotherapy

*Changes made to accommodate rules regarding Covid 19.*

**Waiting room** – Appropriately spaced chairs. We would normally have 9 chairs, now reduced to 3 chairs situated more than 2 meters apart.

**Reception area** – We have installed a Perspex screen in the reception area to limit the spread of the virus.

**Time between patients** – we are allowing an extra 15 minutes between patient booking in times to ensure we have time to clean treatment rooms, to reduce the risk of patients arriving at the same time. We also have a one-way system around the building to avoid additional contact between patients and staff.

**Hand Sanitiser** – This has always been available in the treatment rooms, but we have now made it available on arrival at the main entrance, our reception area (also hand washing facilities) and in the treatment rooms.

**PPE** – We are using PPE as advised by the government, this includes “Type IIR” face mask, aprons, and gloves for physiotherapists. Patient are advised to bring own PPE.

**Records for contact tracing and screening** – We ask all patients to complete our screening form, this will also provide contact details from the patient in case of contact tracing.

**Triage** – We are triaging all new patients to ensure we have a clinically justified reason for the patient to attend for a face to face appointment (in some cases the referring company/insurance company has carried out the triage assessment, if so we would need this information to keep in our records. It would also have to follow all the screening guidelines).

**Screening** – We screen every new patient over the phone/video call and on arrival at the surgery, we also take the patients temperature with a contactless thermometer. If “high” we would ask the patient to return home and contact 111 straight away.

**Treatment for minors** – We ask that all minors are accompanied by an adult, we will carry out the screening process on both the minor and adult.

**Maintaining a safe distance** – We will ensure that we adhere to the 2-metre distance, as our treatment rooms are quite spacious, we can adhere to the 2-metre distance until hands on treatment begins. Where possible we will limit the contact time to 15 minutes.



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***Additional information:***

*We have opened all doors inside the clinic to reduce contact with door handles (This does not apply to the treatment rooms).*

*The Main building door is automatic.*

*Purchase of new fluid resistant pillows in both treatment rooms.*

*Clinical waste bin available to dispose of PPE.*

*All towels are being laundered at 60 degrees after a being left dormant for 48 hours.*

*Clinicians change into work wear on site.*

*Please contact Donna by phone or email (provided above) should you require any further information regarding our risk assessment.*