

## **CORONAVIRUS RISKS: POLICY**

Kinch Chiropractic Clinic is open and is able to provide you with treatment, but it is important that you understand the risks involved. These risks are minimal, and we are doing all we can to avoid any possibility of contamination, but the decision to go ahead with treatment must be yours and must be based on the best information we have.

Therefore, please read the information below and, if you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team.

### **Staff Health:**

All Staff at Kinch Chiropractic Clinic monitor themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19. None of those in clinic are currently exhibiting any signs or symptoms of the disease.

Between appointments, all Practitioners wash their hands thoroughly with soapy water (this is more effective than hand gel) and change their gloves. They also wipe down their aprons with an alcohol-based solution.

All Staff are following government guidelines on social distancing when not at work. If they believe they might have been in contact with an infected person, they will self-isolate and not attend clinic.

### **Premises:**

All surfaces in the clinic which might be touched by patients are thoroughly cleaned, using soapy water/an alcohol solution between appointments. This includes chairs, desks, card machines, pens, and door handles. All floors are cleaned in between patients with a specialist machine.

All patients are screened by telephone before attending the clinic to minimise the risk from an infected person.

Waiting room chairs are spaced at least 1.5m apart.

### **Patients:**

Patients are asked to wash their hands-on arrival and to wear face masks whilst in the clinic. We try to ensure that patients do not touch any unnecessary surfaces.

Hand sanitiser is available for everyone to use.

### **The Risks:**

Coronavirus is most easily spread through close contact with a contaminated person. The most likely mechanism is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. However, the virus is known to survive on various surfaces for up to 72 hours.

It is likely that a person may be contagious even when they display no symptoms of COVID-19.

It is impossible for us to guarantee that Kinch Chiropractic Clinic is entirely free of coronavirus, but as you can see, we are doing everything possible to minimise the risk to you.