

**29.5.2020**  
**Updated Guidance –**  
**Continued Safe Practice during Covid-19 Pandemic.**

In the face of increasing need and requests for care from those in the clinically vulnerable/moderate risk group and with the R value stable and below 1, it is felt that provided you have a clinical justification to offer face-to-face-care to someone in this group you should now be able to do so.

In performing your risk assessment to determine if it is safe to provide face-to-face care it is recommended that you adopt an enhanced process of triage to ascertain the need for face-to-face care before the patient attends your practice and you will need to adapt your triage and consent forms accordingly.

The threshold for making a decision to provide such care for someone in the moderate risk group must be set higher and must take into consideration additional risk factors, including, but not limited to, the risk of leaving their house to attend your practice for chiropractic care and how that patient would travel to the practice.

The clinic environment must be adapted to ensure minimal contact with others. You may wish to consider the requirement for enhanced PPE such as using a mask. Appropriate intervals of time must be factored in between an appointment for a vulnerable patient and other patients attending your practice. You must carefully record all procedures and decisions involved in this process.

Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) patients are still being asked to remain at home by the Government and should be informed that currently face-to-face treatment would break the shielding restrictions placed upon them by the Government.

Please follow NHS link for moderate and high risk patients  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

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