



In the UK directives regarding the Covid-19 situation fall under the devolved governments. There have been a several announcements over the past few days, however it is clear that the situation regarding complementary therapists is unchanged and seems likely to remain so for some time.

For our members in England, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's announced yesterday (10/05/20) measures to begin easing the current lockdown, however these changes do not directly relate to our profession. Full details about the new measures will be discussed in parliament today and the government is currently updating the guidance that they publish on www.gov.uk. You can read the full text of the PM's speech here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-address-to-the-nation-on-coronavirus-10-may-2020>

For our Scottish members First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on 07/05/20 that lockdown restrictions in Scotland are not about to be lifted, so again the situation there remains unchanged. You can read the full text of her speech here: -

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-update-first-minister-speech-7-may-2020/>

For our Welsh members First Minister Mark Drakeford announced some 'modest changes' to lockdown requirements on 10/05/20, but again the situation remains unchanged for aromatherapists and similar professions. You can read the full text of his speech here: -

<https://gov.wales/first-minister-wales-message-people-wales>

There are also no changes to the situation in Northern Ireland. Our members there can keep up to date with Covid-19 related announcements here: -

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

For our members in the Republic of Ireland the 'stay at home' guidance has been extended until 18/05/20. You can read full details here: -

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/c36c85-covid-19-coronavirus/>

Until the guidance from our respective governments changes significantly our advice remains the same, that face-to-face work remains inadvisable. We are very aware of the hardship that many of you are experiencing as a result of this pandemic. We take no joy in advising you not to return to face-to-face client work, however for the safety of yourselves, your clients and others we ask that you follow the directives from your respective governments and only return to client work when it is deemed safe to do so.

We will continue to update you with changes. We also plan to be in touch soon with guidance to help prepare you for a return to client work once it is deemed safe to do so.

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