



Government Update

On 29th May 2020, the British government announced plans to extend the Self-Employed Income Support scheme until August 2020. This could mean that many of our members will be entitled to government financial support which is in addition to the grants already paid. For more information please use the links below: -

[Gov.uk – Support for businesses and Self-employed next steps](#)

[BBC New – Virus-hit self-employed to receive second payment.](#)

Lock Down Dairy

We have been impressed with how many of you have changed your working practices during lockdown. Read how inspirational IFPA member Mandy Pitcher has adapted her business during this pandemic, which has enabled her to continue to support her clients. “As we entered lockdown my first sadness was that I would miss my passion, but even more so my clients. When you have client contact every day and then it suddenly stops, well it just felt plain odd. After some time had passed, I decided to contact each and every client to say hi and ask them if there was anything that I could do for them. That is when I became busy. They wanted blends for self-care at home. The response was heart-warming. The oils brought comfort - many said that it brought back memories of being in my treatment room. I deliver their blends on my daily walk or they collect them from me on their walks. It is so special to see them, from a distance of course. I offer free postage to those further away. My products became even more popular and bespoke orders flew in, so I created an online shop.

As word got around, I began to offer an online bespoke consultation service for new clients. I then started virtual face-to-face meetings; a catch up and to address any issues that my clients are going through at the current time.

‘I’ve missed giving treatments so much, but I really feel that I’ve been able to offer my clients support in other ways.’

Find out more about how Mandy works and follow her on social media:

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Have you been able to adapt how you work during the pandemic? If so, we would love to hear from you! Drop us a line: admin@ifparoma.org

Keep safe and well,
IFPA Board of Trustees and Office Team

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