

Guidelines when counselling during Covid and Contact Tracing – Signed Consent

Please ensure the following guidelines are adhered to when attending face-to-face counselling.

If you are unable to follow the advice below, you must contact your Counsellor before your scheduled appointment.

- Upon arrival, ensure protective covering is worn.
- Sanitise your hands upon entry and exit to Kingsclere Village Club as provided in the corridor and again upon entering and leaving the counselling room.
- The counselling room allows for client and Counsellor to work 2-metres apart - please always respect the distance.
- The Counsellor will wear a transparent face visor and would ask clients to keep their mask on during the 50-minute session.

If I test positive for COVID-19, the NHS test and trace service will ask about the people I have been in contact with. The NHS will then contact those people to provide support and testing. The government recommends that business keep a temporary record of clients for 21 days.

My existing contract offers complete confidentiality, with two exclusions, and this now needs to be revisited to balance public interest. Public interest is the general welfare and rights of the public, which must be recognised, protected and advanced. A disclosure would only arise where it is in the public interest, based on the common law, and where it is essential to prevent a serious and imminent threat to public health, national security, the life of the individual or a third party, or to prevent or detect serious crime.

Under this clause, I may need to share your name and contact details with the NHS if either myself or another client contracts the virus.

I,  
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understand the above and know that confidentiality may be broken if necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health.

Signed.....

Date.....