

Sussex Back Pain Clinic COVID-19 Infection control policy: May 2020

We have assessed our practice for infection risks and have put in additional processes as detailed below	
Undertaken a risk assessment	11/05/20. Processes will be reviewed in line with any changes to government or professional / governing body guidance.
Heightened cleaning regimes	Clinic rooms will be cleaned between each patient with hospital grade alcohol wipes Common areas/washrooms will be cleaned regularly Hard surfaces in common areas will be cleaned after each patient
Increased protection measures	A splash guard has been installed on the reception desk Practitioners to wear appropriate PPE in line with current guidance All non-essential linens have been removed from treatment rooms and remaining linen will be removed after use to be laundered in accordance to current guidelines
Put in place distancing measures	Staggering of treatment start times for each practitioner to reduce the potential of patient to patient contact especially in the waiting area. Information/ Instructions for patients attending the clinic to help maintain social distancing. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to arrive early and only come into the practice at the allotted time of their appointment • To come alone if possible • Rebooking and payment options – (payments and further bookings may be taken over the phone) Reduction of seating within the reception areas to ensure appropriate distancing measures. Markers on the floor for distancing measures Stair and corridor etiquette
Staff Training	Staff have been briefed and trained on updated clinic policies and infection control Staff have been trained in putting on/taking off PPE Staff have been trained in correct handwashing technique in line with best practice.
Providing screening/virtual video consultations	All patients are screened for diagnosed or exposure to COVID or any symptoms of COVID All patients are checked that they are not shielded and clinically highly vulnerable All patients are offered remote video consultation as an alternative to face to face if preferred
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