**Weeds, Walkies and Whatever: keeping everyone safe**

**Indoor Work Risk Assessment for Covid-19**

**Covid-19 Risk Assessment**Updated 10 November 2020

**Introduction**

In response to the changes in work restrictions due to Covid-19, this risk assessment has been written to outline safer working procedures.

**Statement**

I can confirm that I believe all my procedures do result in a Covid-compliant working environment and are listed below. I request that my customers take a moment to read the details of this risk assessment and to comply with my requests when working in their homes. Complying with these agreed procedures reduces the risk and helps to keep everyone safer.

**Risk outline**

**Hazard: Contracting or spreading coronavirus by working inside homes**

**Who is at risk: Myself and my clients**

**Control Measures**

**Handwashing/Sanitising**:

Carried out at regular intervals

**Social Distancing**:

When interacting with clients, social distance of 2 metres will be maintained where possible. Where this is not possible and the distance is less than 2 metres but more than 1 metre, interaction will be no more than 15 minutes.  If distance is 1 metre or less, interaction will be kept to no more than 1 minute.

**PPE**:

When working in a home, PPE will be worn when transiting to and from the room in which I will work or when interacting with the client. PPE will include gloves and face covering. At times face covering may need to be removed. If this is necessary, it will only be removed in the identified working space for brief periods.

**Sole use of working space**:

Sole use of the working space will be required except where a distance of 2 metres or more can be maintained.

**Surfaces and touch points**:

Any surfaces or touch points that I come into contact with I will clean when leaving the area.

**Refreshments**:

I will supply my own refreshments.

**Use of bathroom**:

If the client is able to make available a toilet for my sole use; this is the safest control measure and I will disinfect the area after use.

**Ventilation**:

Where possible, space being worked in will be ventilated through use of open external doors and windows.

**Single household working**:

I will ensure that I only work in one household per day, remaining in the allocated space where possible.

**Additional factors:**

At times there may be a need to increase procedures e.g., if decorating in more than one room, sheets will only be used in that room and will then be given 72 hours before further use.

The NHS track and trace system will be active on my mobile phone.

**Further guidance**

Local Government COVID alert levels: what you need to know: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

Government advice: Working safely during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Working in other people’s homes <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/homes>