



Coronavirus Update - Guidance for Clients

Following government and public health recommendations, Disability Huntingdonshire is issuing this information bulletin.

Whilst the government have labelled the risk as moderate (2nd March) and the current advice is to carry on as usual, the virus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people and those with long term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

Obviously, there are more illnesses where your immune system is compromised such as Lupus.

We recognise the clients we support with disabilities may be deemed to be more vulnerable to the illness.

The health and well being of the staff team at DISH is our highest priority and steps will be taken to protect them and their families.

Currently, the situation for home visits remain the same, however, this will be reviewed daily and if the situation is deemed to be accelerating then a decision to suspend home visits will be taken immediately.

In the meantime, when home visits are arranged, we implore all our clients to ensure that:

- If you feel unwell, you must **cancel** the appointment immediately
- Prior to our visit, please ensure that your surfaces (such as doorknobs etc) have been thoroughly cleaned
- Please ensure that you have washed your hands before the staff member visits preferably with soap
- Please ensure that you have tissues available for use if you sneeze or cough and a bin to throw them away
- Please do not be offended if our staff refuse a drink, or use tissues to open doors etc.

We will be updating this bulletin as more information becomes available.



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