

Youth Support / Dr Birch -Continuing Remote Working

We are continuing remote working even after the coronavirus measures have ceased.

This will apply both to remote assessments and seeing patients and involvement in legal and court sessions such as experts' meetings and giving evidence. Please bear in mind these provisos when considering instructions since we will be unable to alter arrangements to cater for direct attendance apart from in very special circumstances. Travelling across the country to attend sessions is no longer an option due to time and costs. (Remote attendance is also more appropriate for Dr Birch who does have reduced mobility although this does not affect her work in any other way.)

Remote Assessments – We are continuing remote assessments which have proved to be very useful and have given certainly as much and often more information than one off visits. There will be continue to be no face to face interviews and assessments and all interviews will take place remotely via skype or whatsapp phone and video-calls. We will be contacting individual clients / patients to arrange details. Thus far remote interviews and assessments have proved to be very effective with the assistance of carers on site. This has proved to be a much more efficient way of working than face to face visits which often involved a whole days travel and expenses for a single session.

If you are wishing to have remote assessment of your clients please inform the carers that we will be contacting them and asking for photos and video material to be exchanged. It is important that carers be forewarned since otherwise they can be anxious about unexpected contacts.

Similarly all expert meetings and court evidence will continue to be done by telephone or video call.

This arrangement will continue until further notice.

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