

## **Addendum to A HOLIDAY AND DAY TRIP PROTOCOL in response to COVID 19 Pandemic.**

### **Safer Travel Guidance for Adults and Providers**

**Key message:** Holidays abroad or within UK are not considered essential travels – see guidance on - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

UK Transport and Travel Advice:

The UK government advice on movement of adults has changed from stay at home to stay alert and is likely to change further. However, this advice is relevant to England alone and is not applicable to Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. This means that all travel from England to any of the above areas are currently not permissible except in emergency situations.

The key message is as below;

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Work from home if you can
- Limit contact with other people
- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly.

In addition to the above, it is necessary to consider the question whether the planned journey is necessary and if so, to keep yourself and your fellow passengers safe. Further advice to the above is that any adult who falls in the categories below are advised not to travel;

- Adults experiencing any coronavirus symptoms. See website for details on Coronavirus symptoms - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>)
- Adults who are self-isolating as a result of coronavirus symptoms or sharing a household with somebody with symptoms - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
- Adults who are clinically extremely vulnerable - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

It is essential that providers reduce all travels, do not plan unnecessary journeys within their local area, to limit necessary journeys to their local areas and to consider all other forms of transport before using public transport. If the travel is essential and the use of public transport is unavoidable, the advice is to wear a face covering if the adult can. However, it must be acknowledged that the current evidence suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you from COVID 19 but may protect others if you are infected but are yet to develop symptoms particularly important for short periods indoors in crowded areas. See the web page for further advice - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#is-your-journey-necessary>

For further advice relating to the use of Taxis; Private hire vehicles, Aviation, Ferries and Maritime transport – please refer to the government advice - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Foreign Travel Advice: The government has issued COVID-19 Exceptional Travel Advisory Notice and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises all British Nationals against all but essential international travel. Holidays abroad or within UK are not considered essential travels – see guidance on - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>