

COVID-19 Policy

OT Experts is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our clients and their families and to preventing the spread of Covid-19. OT Experts follows the advice and guidance closely from our regulatory and professional bodies as well as government guidance and legislation.

OT Experts provides remote occupational therapy assessments and intervention wherever possible as this carries zero risk of Covid-19 transmission.

For face to face assessments, the client's verbal consent and an individual Covid-19 risk assessment are required.

The individual Covid-19 risk assessments assists in highlighting whether the OT, the client or any household member is symptomatic or self-isolating due to potential recent exposure to Covid-19. In such cases, OT Experts is unable to undertake face to face visits.

OT Experts' Covid-19 risk assessment includes:

- Establishing if the OT, the client or any member of their households have had any symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, high temperature, loss/change in smell/taste).
- Determining if the OT, the client or any member of their households have had any symptoms whether they have isolated for 14 days.
- Establishing if the OT, the client or any member of their households are shielding or in a vulnerable category.
- Assessing if the client and all members of their household can understand and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Discussing with the client whether the visit can take place outside and from a distance of 2 metres.
- Establishing if the visit needs to take place indoors whether social distancing of 2 metres can be maintained and if doors and windows can be opened.
- Determining whether the length of the visit can be reduced by undertaking a remote or telephone assessment before the visit.
- Assessing if the client understands and accepts the risks associated with a face to face visit.

OT Experts will only proceed with a face to face visit if the risks have been explained to the client, appropriate safety measures (PPE) are in place, and the client has given their consent.

OT Experts will wear PPE for all face to face visits. PPE to include facemask, apron and gloves.

OT Experts reserves the right to terminate any face to face visit if they feel that their safety or the safety of others is compromised.

Signed: 

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