

Kent MS Therapy Centre

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Meeting to agree response to new Gov regulations held on Tues 5th Nov 2021

Present:

Gavin Davis (Chair), Sharon Wilding, David Bailey, Jill Tompkins, Hilary Brian, Karen Middlemiss, Moira Mitchell, Jen Needham

Apologies: None

Minutes: Sharon Wilding

Record of discussion and decisions	Action
<p>The meeting was held to review the impact on Centre opening following the Government announcement of a tightening of restrictions from 6/01/21 until (at least) Feb half-term break.</p>	
<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>The updated regulations are open to interpretation but state that some health services are able to continue to operate, and other Centres have announced that they are continuing to operate.</p> <p>School closures will impact staffing and some individuals will be shielding, so only oxygen therapy can be practically provided. There are also concerns for the increased risks that the more aggressive virus brings to the staff, as well as attendees.</p> <p>Government recommendations are to minimise all risks. It is therefore proposed that the Centre closes for its own 'circuit breaker' period to assess the progression of the disease locally, feedback from Members, and other operators.</p>	
<p>DECISION</p> <p>It was agreed to close until the end of January when the situation will be reviewed.</p> <p>Outreach programmes and Click & Connect will continue. Staff not needed to provide the distance services will be furloughed.</p> <p>Additional feedback from individual Members who are currently regular oxygen users will be gathered to assist in the review that will take place at end Jan.</p> <p>Jen & Gavin to prepare an email communication to go today.</p>	JN/GD