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BACc Covid 19 statement, January 2021.

Latest guidelines for practicing acupuncture from the British Acupuncture Council.

Following the Government guidelines and rules announcement at the beginning of January 2021, the British Acupuncture Council sent out guidelines to their members regarding working in the latest period of lockdown.

The Government have expanded and refined their wording around many areas including health care services, particularly those pertaining to mental health. The position of the BACc is that acupuncture performed by our members is included within the definition of 'medical services'.

This means that our members should be able to practice in **BACc phase 3: Urgent care and high needs**.

Member Guidelines.

While this is good news for our members and their patients, the BACc would like to stress that given the increased infectiousness of the new strain, following our Covid secure guidelines meticulously is now more important than ever.

This higher level of risk because of the new strain should be reflected in your risk assessments, particularly for patients that are clinically vulnerable.

A consideration could also be whether their treatment is time dependent such as in IVF cases.

Cosmetic or purely wellbeing treatments should stop, however anything affecting mental health and the maintenance of chronic pain etc could be seen as High Needs.

Please judge each case individually and record in their notes your reasons for the decision.

Please contact me to see if you fit into the urgent care and high needs category.

Rebecca.