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## **CHAPERONE POLICY**

It is sometimes necessary during your appointment to move around, or remove surface layers of clothing to assist in treatment and establish a clear and thorough diagnosis.

If this is something that potentially makes you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to bring a chaperone along e.g. a friend or family member. Please note, they must be over the age of 16.

We do have shorts and gowns available should you wish to borrow them (they are to the right as you enter the treatment room).

### **IT IS ESSENTIAL A CHAPERONE IS IN ATTENDANCE WHEN:**

- The patient is under the age of 16.
- Patient is not wearing any underwear.

### **WHEN DO THERPISTS OFFER A CHAPERONE?**

- If for any reason a therapist's professional body requires them to do so.

### **HOW DO WE AS PRACTITIONERS HELP YOU MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION AS TO WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE A CHAPERONE?**

- When you book in, you should receive an email that informs you about bringing a chaperone should you wish.
- All our therapists' websites have information about what to expect from the session, how to best prepare, including the option to have a chaperone present.
- The welcome pack in the waiting area contains information about all our policies including this chaperone policy.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF THE CHAPERONE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND?**

- In the unfortunate even of your chaperone failing to attend, you may choose to proceed with the session without them present, or if you prefer you can rebook.
- If you choose to rebook due to failure of your chaperone to arrive you will be charged the full cost of the treatment, as it is less than 24hrs notice (please see email sent prior to arrival which contains information as to our policy).
- If another therapist is available you can choose to see them instead if they are able to accommodate you at the time of your arrival