

Hello Everyone,

I hope that all is well with you, and that you're safe during these uncertain times.

This is an update following the Government guidelines which were set out yesterday (31<sup>st</sup> October 2020). The fact that we are unable to support Participants in the community due to venues and businesses closing as of Thursday – and that we are not able to support Participants in their homes – we will be temporarily closing The Inclusion Project from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December (pending further updates from the Government).

This is the last thing that we want to do but we remain committed to being part of the solution and not part of the problem.

We will be able to support Participants via Zoom and other interfacing platforms, we know that this is not the same, but we will do our best to keep our Participants as engaged as possible.

The guidance we have received from local authorities is for us to invoice as we normally would during lockdown periods, this is to sustain the Group Leaders, Area Managers and the organisation as a whole and therefore aid the sustainability of the service going forward. We will invoice for any planned or routine sessions that would have occurred during this lockdown period.

If you would like to opt out of receiving these invoices, then email me directly (email at the bottom of this email). Directly commissioned Participants do not have the option to opt out as these invoices are paid directly from the local authority.

We really appreciate your support, you have all been so amazing to us during this period and we are extremely grateful. We aim to resume our service, just as it is now with our contact and trace system, reduced ratios etc. from 2nd December, and hope that this lockdown will contribute to paving the way back to some form of normality.

Please contact your local Area Manager to request Zoom sessions and they will organise this for you.

Thank you, and fingers crossed that we can resume again on 2nd December.



If you have any questions please email me directly - [simon@inclusionproject.co.uk](mailto:simon@inclusionproject.co.uk)

Thank you.

Simon Jackson-Turner

