Osteopathy in Melbourne – from the 28th September

Routine care is not permitted during the second step and practitioners should continue to delay services that can safely be delayed until Step 3. DHHS hope that all practitioners will assist in reducing as much unnecessary movement as possible.

AHPRA registered allied health professions –Osteopaths- can provide essential face to face services if;

- prevent a significant deterioration in functional independence which would result in an escalation of care needs (such as increased frequency in treatment, significant increase in pain, specialist input, or substantial increase in recovery time as a result of delayed care)

- for assessment and diagnostic purposes for those people whose care has been delayed during stage 4 restrictions, and where further delay likely to result in deterioration (e.g. diagnostic imaging and assessment for prescription of assistive technology)

- The 5km rule still applies and DHHS said they expect practitioners and clients to use common sense and be prepared to justify their decisions. **A new patient travelling across 1/3 of Melbourne is not ok, nor is it if they travel past other suitable practitioners to get to you.**

My immediate priority is caring for my existing clients and for the time being I will not be accepting new patients.

When Melbourne reaches the threshold for Step 3, (hopefully this will be around 26 Oct), people in metropolitan Melbourne will be able to recommence seeing their allied health provider for all elements of their health care needs.

Procedures to book an appointment. - Covid Safe plan is enacted

Adrian will work solo at Body Mind Soul. Appointments will be available Monday-Thursday mornings 8:30-1pm.

Appointments will be 20 minute duration to allow for additional cleaning & paperwork.

Kerrie will handle all reception duties remotely.

Appointments will be prepaid in full at time of booking and non-refundable in case of non-attendance.

Hicaps will not be available. Any private health fund rebates will need to be claimed by the patient following the appointment.

Call Kerrie on 9335 5161 to make appointments.

When you arrive at the clinic, only the patient will be allowed to enter the clinic (Exceptions for parents of minors being treated & genuine carers only)

Please do not bring your children, family members or friends to your own appointments.

I re-iterate this is not a normal business environment. I am making these appointments available for critical care only according to strict guidelines.

Treatment priorities are to relieve immediate symptoms, not long term management of conditions & overall health.

Covid brings additional responsibilities to the practitioner in terms of cleaning and record keeping.