



**Acupuncture  
Foundation  
Professional  
Association**

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## **Continued practice during the current restrictions**

Dear Members,

During the current Level 5 restrictions in the **Republic of Ireland** it is still permissible to operate as an essential service.

As in our previous communication (22-Oct-20), the legal advice we received concluded that we could consider our profession as an “Essential service” for the purpose of the governments revised ‘Essential services’ List under the category of *‘primary care and general and specialist medical practice activities’* and or *‘health services’*. See our original communication for more information.

For our members in **Northern Ireland**, under legislation released on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December there is an exemption for *‘other medical or health services’*, which allows our members to continue to practice.

Ultimately it is up to each individual practitioner whether to keep their practice open or not. It is essential that if you do remain open, you comply with all government COVID-19 requirements and guidelines and that you limit your practice to essential treatments only as outlined in previous correspondence.

Stay safe

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