

Counselling Service Safety Protocol for In-Person Appointments

When you attend your appointment in person

- When you arrive check in with Reception and take a seat in the Waiting Room;
- All service forms will be emailed to you in advance of your appointment;
- If you have not completed your forms you will be required to do so before your appointment;
- Unless otherwise advised you are not required to wear a mask or face shield;
- If you wish to wear a mask during your session you are free to do so;
- Follow on appointments will be booked at the end of your session at Reception.

Safety Measures

- If you are feeling unwell on the day of your appointment please do not attend the appointment in-person but opt to take a phone consultation or online session in its place;
- If you have a cold, cough, temperature or **any** flu-like symptoms please **do not** attend in person;
- Please ring Reception to reschedule your appointment for when you are feeling better or if able opt to have a phone or video call instead;
- Your counsellor will notify you in advance if they are unable to facilitate your session;
- In keeping with good hygiene precautions the counselling room will be ventilated after each session to ensure your safety and ours;
- Please sanitise your hands before your session, and on your way out. Hand sanitisers are available in the Counselling Service foyer;
- Bathroom facilities are available on the floor and on the ground floor of the building;
- If you, any member of your family or close contact group have shown signs of Covid-19 please do not attend your appointment in person but opt for a phone or video consultation instead;
- Please check the University's Covid-19 policy <u>here.</u>

Phone Consultation Protocol

If you are availing of an online or phone consultation, please see separate protocol here.

Thank you for reading this protocol and adhering to the guidelines.

We will endeavour to ensure your safety in all our face to face contact with you.

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