

Additional Limits of Confidentiality during COVID-19 Pandemic

“Public interest is the general welfare and rights of the public that should be recognised, protected and advanced. Disclosures in the public interest, based on the common law, are made where this is essential to prevent a serious and imminent threat to public health, national security, the life of the individual or a third party, or to prevent or detect serious crime.”

This may become relevant if I am exposed or contract the virus. I will be obliged to inform the NHS of people you've been in contact with.

In this case, confidentiality will need to be broken if necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health. Thus, I may need to share your name and contact details, but not the context in which I know you. You may be contacted by the NHS.

I will do my best to limit any personal information/data to your name and contact details. If possible, I will not disclose the context of how I know you.

Signed:

Date: