

Dear Community Centre Management Committee,

You may have already seen this revised position statement from Chris Buchan of Welsh Government on Community Centres. We were not expecting this statement and wanted to ensure that you see it straight away.

I have highlighted the text which is most helpful for you.

You may have already planned for your facility to be ready for reopening and we commend you for doing this.

We do need to stress that you need to be very mindful of the 2M social/physical distancing requirement, and the specific restrictions for indoor gatherings, these are covered in the amended regulations at Part 4 of the Regulations (amendment 2) – Gathering with people - paragraph 2 (p): ‘Exercise with others, in a gathering of no more than 30 people, at a fitness studio, gym, swimming pool, other indoor leisure centre or facility or any other open premises.’

In relation to the regulation open premises, now includes Community Centres which fall within Part 3 of the regulation (Part 3, para 12, (3) (h). We acknowledge that Community Centres are used for all kinds of different activities, many of which are now permitted but others are still currently not allowed to take place under the current regulations. Paragraph 14 of the regulations lists what is allowed as an indoor gathering.’

So that we can assist you I would be grateful if you could provide us with a list of the bodies and activities that use the community centre so that we can advise you which can be allowed to resume. Please send the list to

covidbusinesscompliance@flintshire.gov.uk

We of course note that there is no requirement on local authorities to give permission but we are here, in an advisory capacity if needed, to help.

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