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Provision of vaccination exemptions

While we are continuing to work on providing guidance around the topics of mandatory vaccination and vaccine certificates, as well as working under the various Alert Levels, the Osteopathic Council would like to briefly clarify our position on the provision of vaccine exemptions.

The current Order refers to exemptions being based on advice from “suitably qualified health practitioner” (COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021, clause 7A).

The Council would like to reinforce that advising patients on vaccination is outside the osteopathic scope of practice, and this would extend to providing any advice regarding a patient’s suitability (or otherwise) for vaccination. As such, we would **not** consider an osteopath as a “suitably qualified health practitioner” for this purpose.

We will endeavour to provide further clarity on this and other COVID-19 related matters as further information becomes available.

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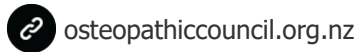
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