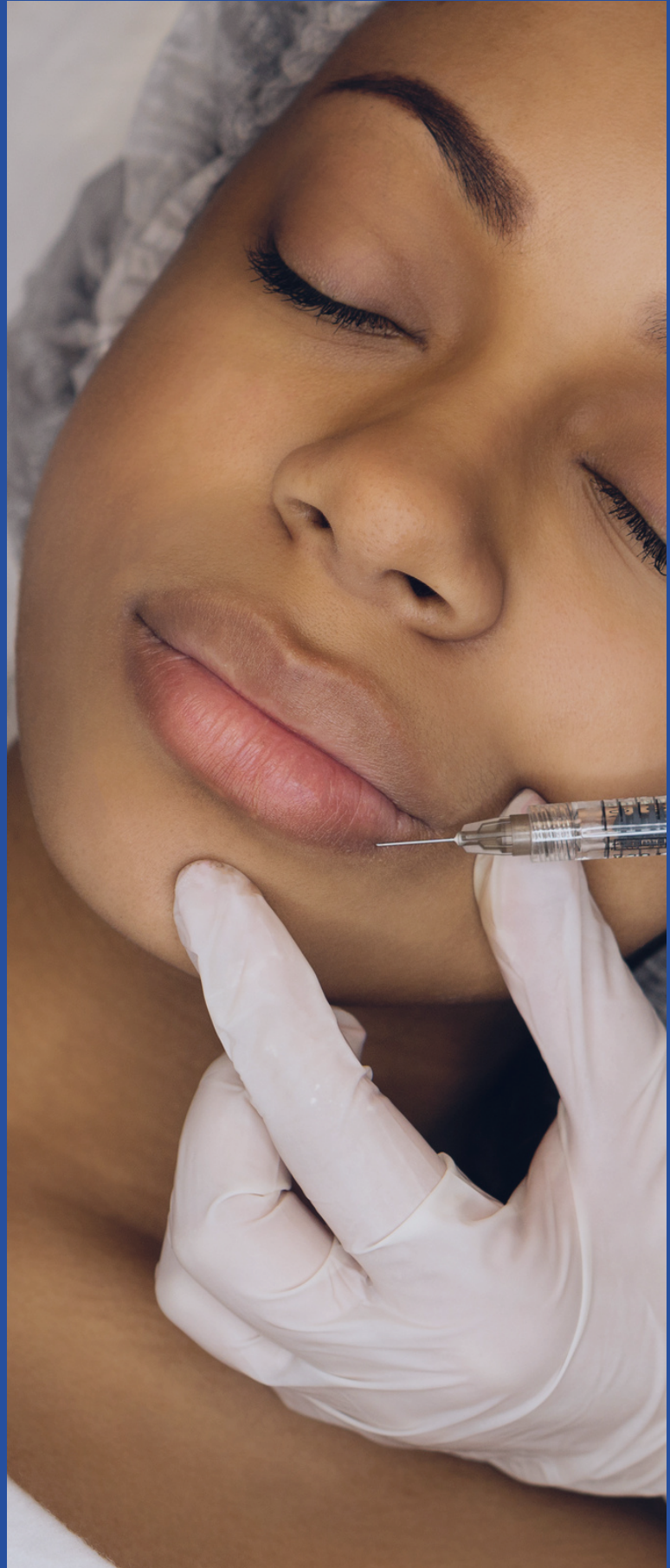


Guidance Notes - The Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (children) Act 2021

Guidance notes for businesses:

From 1st October 2021 the Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Act came into force. The Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Act 2021 is an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. The Act makes it illegal to administer botulinum toxin or fillers for cosmetic purposes to those under the age of 18.

- In order to safeguard children from potential health risks, the Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Act 2021 has been introduced to prohibit persons and business owners from administering botulinum toxins (generally referred to as Botox) and cosmetic fillers to children under the age of 18. The new law provides the highest possible level of protection to young people by ensuring such treatments will now only be available following an assessment by a doctor, and performed by a regulated healthcare professional.
- Any aesthetic facial procedures **MUST** be carried out with prior face-to-face consultation by a registered practitioner who has been received the appropriate training / qualification in order to do so. Only to persons over 18.
- It is a criminal offence to administer botulinum toxin, or a filler, by way of injection, for a cosmetic purpose to a person under 18 in England. It is an offence to make arrangements for, or book an appointment to provide, these treatments to any person under 18 in England (even with parental consent).
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- The new law applies to everybody in England, not just businesses, including: providers of clinical healthcare services and regulated healthcare professionals working in these services; commercial providers of cosmetic procedures e.g. beauty therapists, mobile aesthetic practitioners, regulated healthcare professionals; and individuals performing the procedures on an informal basis.
- What if the treatments are needed to meet a clinical need? Under the new law, the treatments can still be approved for use on persons under 18, but only by a registered medical practitioner (doctor).



Failure to comply with the new law could result in a criminal prosecution and an unlimited fine.

If you have any questions or require further support please contact us on 01635 519930 or email tsadvice@westberks.gov.uk

For more details on the legislation see link below

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/19/contents/enacted>

