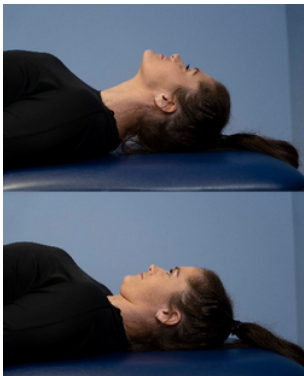
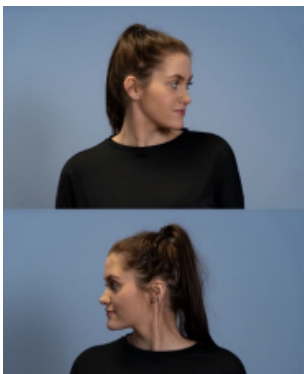


Aim to perform this programme a minimum of once per day unless prescribed otherwise. As with any new exercise, start slowly (repetitions as able) and build up as you are able within the guidelines below. Pain should not exceed 3/10 whilst completing this exercise programme.



1. Deep neck flexion in sitting or lying

- With your head in neutral, gently pull your chin backwards towards your neck (not nodding your head).
- Only pull back till you start to feel stretch at the back of your neck, this may be a very small movement.
- Hold for 5 seconds and relax.
- **Perform this exercise up to 10 times.**
- **Repeat routine 3 times.**



2. Neck rotation

- In sitting looking forward, turn your head as far to one side as you can within your comfortable range.
- Then as quickly as you feel comfortable to, turn to the other side as far as you can within your comfortable range.
- Try to build the speed of movement over time as you feel able.
- **Perform this exercise up to 10 times each direction, rest for 1 minute.**
- **Repeat routine 2-3 times.**



3. Neck extension stretch with towel

- Sit upright in a supportive chair with a towel around your neck.
- Extend your head to look at the ceiling.
- Pull the towel ends forward to provide extra extension to your comfortable limits.
- Hold position for 5 seconds.
- **Perform this exercise up to 10 times.**
- **Repeat routine 3 times.**