

# Core brief

## **Restricted visiting to combat COVID-19 now in place**

As part of contingency planning to manage the COVID-19 outbreak, the following restrictions are now in place for visitors of patients in the following categories.

Please ensure visitors adhere to this over the weekend. An update will follow on Monday.

We have issued the communication proactively to all relevant media, and will be engaging with the public via social media and through the Involving People Network (IPN) as part of the engagement process.

### Confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients

- Visitors are restricted to those who are essential only; such as parents of paediatric patients or an affected patient's partner/main carer.
- Children are restricted from visiting unless otherwise arranged by the nurse in charge.
- Visitors may be required to wear PPE based on local risk assessment.
- Visitors must not visit any other care areas.
- Any follow up of family/community contacts of patients will be co-ordinated by the Public Health Team.

High Acuity Areas including Intensive Care Units; High Dependency Units; Emergency Departments, Acute Receiving Units; Initial Assessment Units; Midwifery Care Areas; Neonatal Units and immunocompromised patients, i.e. Haemato-oncology and Renal Units.

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The following general restriction applies for **all visitors**:

- Do not visit anyone in hospital if you have a fever/ respiratory/cough or cold symptoms.
- All visitors must hand sanitize when entering and leaving clinical areas.

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