

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2023.139
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Thank you for your email received 20 July 2023 requesting information regarding visitation policies.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

1. Did your Trust alter or update its visitor policy in response to Covid-19, yes or no?

Yes

a. If yes, what changes were introduced?

Visiting was restricted as per national guidance and restrictions reduced as national guidance advised.

b. If yes, are any of those policies still in place?

Yes

i. If yes, which of those policies are still in place?

Visitors may be advised to wear a fluid repellent surgical mask in high risk areas

2. Does the Trust currently have any visitation policies that:

a. Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor?

Yes

i. If yes, in what wards or circumstances does this apply?

When an outbreak of an infectious illness is declared.

ii. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

Yes

b. Set a restriction on the number of different people able to visit a patient during their stay

No

i. If yes, in what wards or circumstances would the number of different people visiting a patient be restricted?

ii. If yes, how many different people do these restrictions permit as visitors?

iii. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

Not applicable

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