

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2324/213  
**From:** MPs  
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**Subject:** Visitation Policies

- Q1 Did your Trust alter or update its visitor policy in response to Covid-19, yes or no?
- a. If yes, what changes were introduced?
  - b. If yes, are any of those policies still in place?
    - i. If yes, which of those policies are still in place?

- A1 Yes
- a. Limited the number of visitors per patient as set out in the supplemental Visiting Guidance During Covid-19 Pandemic
  - b. No, the Trust is no longer limiting visiting in the way it did during Covid

- Q2 Does the Trust currently have any visitation policies that:
- a. Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor?
    - ii. If yes, in what wards or circumstances does this apply?
    - iii. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?
  - b. Set a restriction on the number of different people able to visit a patient during their stay
    - iv. If yes, in what wards or circumstances would the number of different people visiting a patient be restricted?
    - v. If yes, how many different people do these restrictions permit as visitors?
    - vi. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

- A2
- a. No. There may be times when it is appropriate to ask other visitors - not the parent / carer - to leave the ward / child's bedside. For example, during a medical consultation with the child and parents, an examination or procedure, during handover, to maintain the child's privacy and dignity, or to enable the child to eat a meal. Parents / cares can visit at any time
  - b. Yes
    - i. 2 visitors at a time at the bedside plus any dependent siblings.
    - ii. The Trust understands that some patients have a wide extended family and a large number of friends who may wish to visit the child, with the parent's consent, in line with the maximum number of visitors permitted at the bedside at any one time. It is recommended that only close family members and close friends visit the child. On PICU, a maximum of six visitors, including the parents, can visit the child, two visitors at a time.
    - iii. Yes