

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Important information for Visitors

We are doing everything we can to protect our patients, staff and communities from Coronavirus.

ALL VISITING IS SUSPENDED

Hospital visits to the majority of our adult wards - and accompanying others to clinic appointments - is not permitted at this time to reduce footfall and to maintain social distancing. Our Nightingale Children's Ward, Neo-Natal Unit and Maternity Services have separate arrangements however; and these are explained to parents and parents-to-be during the course of their contact with these services.

For the rest of the Trust, in restricted circumstances, the following also applies:

▶ ONE PARENT OR CARER may accompany a child or young person under the age of 18

▶ ONE BIRTHING PARTNER may attend the Birth Centre during labour only

▶ ONE RELATIVE OR CARER may stay with a patient attending the Emergency Department if the patient is below 18 years of age or if the patient has severe cognitive impairment and cannot make decisions for themselves (in line with Mental Capacity Act regulations)

▶ ONE RELATIVE OR CARER may accompany a patient attending an urgent out-patient appointment

▶ ONE RELATIVE OR CARER may visit or accompany a patient who cannot make decisions for themselves (in line with Mental Capacity Act regulations)

▶ THE NEEDS OF CLOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS - specifically where patients are critically ill, or receiving end of life care - will be met as much as possible. However, arrangements MUST be agreed in advance with the Ward Matron or Nurse in Charge