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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

1. Did your Trust alter or update its visitor policy in response to Covid-19, yes or no?
 - a. If yes, what changes were introduced?

Visiting was restricted on in March 2020, with one named visitor allowed per patient for a maximum of one hour. An exception was placed upon those on a 'protected pathway' such as surgery where it was not allowed at all. This was rescinded in July 2020 to allow for two patients. Visiting was policy was further updated from this point, allowing for more freedom, as well as further restrictions during peaks of activity, before all restrictions were rescinded in April 2022.

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

Not applicable

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

- b. Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor?
 - i. If yes, in what wards or circumstances does this apply?
 - ii. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

No

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

No although wards do ask that patients try to stagger visitors so the ward area does not become overcrowded.

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