

# Advice for visiting a patient who is at the end of their life

**We realise this is a sad and difficult time but hope you appreciate we need to comply with these necessary rules and restrictions.**



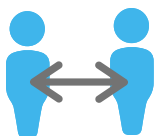
- Visitors must NOT visit if they have any symptoms of infection or have been in contact with anyone with symptoms of coronavirus or have been contacted by Test & Trace service



- All visitors should understand the risk they take and the risk they potentially may bring to their loved one and the staff caring for them



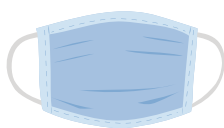
- Please arrange your visit by telephoning the Ward so you can be informed about the current visiting policy



- Social distancing MUST be observed - keep 2 metres apart from others including staff as much as possible



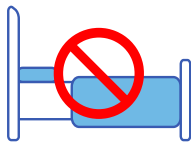
- Ideally one visitor per day, to limit the number of people in the hospital
- Exceptions to this are when the next of kin requires the assistance/support of another to visit
- No children under the age of 12 years



- Visitors MUST wear masks/face coverings and please be aware of hand hygiene e.g. wash your hands after touching your mask



- All visitors should wash their hands for 20 seconds upon entering the ward, leaving the ward and regularly during visiting - use hand sanitiser if necessary



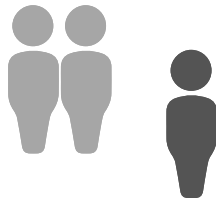
- Remember NOT to touch your nose and face. If necessary use a tissue and wash hands before and after touching. Ensure mouths are covered if coughing or sneezing occurs and wash hands thoroughly afterwards



- DO NOT sit on beds
- The length of time you will be able to stay can be flexible and can extend to overnight stays



- Only bring in the minimal amount of personal belongings possible



- Where there is more than one CLOSE family member, more than one person may visit but ideally it should be one visitor at a time.



- Any subsequent visitors will have to follow the same rules and adhere to social distancing where possible.
- Visiting is at the discretion of the Nurse in charge

Reference:

NHS England 2020: Publication 001559. Clinical Support for Compassionate Visiting Arrangements for those Receiving End of Life Care

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