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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 20/07/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

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?

The Trust stopped all visiting in line with the national NHS guidance in 2020.

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

No.

c) If yes, which of those policies are still in place?

Not applicable.

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

a) Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor?

No.

b) If yes, in what wards or circumstances does this apply?

Not applicable.

c) If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

Not applicable.

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

Yes.

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

All inpatient wards are advised to limit visitors to 2 per bed space depending on the patient situation. In addition, if there are any exceptional circumstances on the ward- i.e., Infection Prevention and Control outbreak/patient safety incident then visiting may be restricted.

b) If yes, how many different people do these restrictions permit as visitors?

As stated above, please see answer in question 3a.

c) If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?

Yes.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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