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### Visitation Policies

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

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?:  
Restrictions in line with national COVID and pandemic guidance at the time.
  - b. If yes, are any of those policies still in place?: Yes.
    - i. If yes, which of those policies are still in place?:  
Restrictions in line with national COVID and pandemic guidance at the time.
2. Does the Trust currently have any visitation policies that:
  - a. Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor? No.
    - i. If yes, in what wards or circumstances does this apply? Not applicable.
    - ii. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?. Not applicable.
  - b. Set a restriction on the number of different people able to visit a patient during their stay?: No, there are current restriction to 2 people at the bed space at a time, but this was applicable in pre pandemic visiting but does not restrict different numbers of people able to visit a patient during the day.
    - i. If yes, in what wards or circumstances would the number of different people visiting a patient be restricted?. Not applicable.
    - ii. If yes, how many different people do these restrictions permit as visitors?. Not applicable.
    - iii. If yes, were these restrictions in place before March 2020?. Not applicable.