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From: Commercial
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Subject: Patient Visiting Decisions

REQUEST

Please could you provide me with the following information regarding the following notice which I read on your website on 9th February 2022

"For Patients & Visitors

From Thursday 27th February 2022, Covid-19 safety measures are still in place at our hospitals and visiting remains suspended."

- 1) Which person or team make the decisions regarding visiting during Covid?
- 2) If the decision which resulted in this notice being published was taken at a meeting please provide me with the minutes
- 3) When is the decision about visiting due to be reviewed?
- 4) Was a risk/benefit analysis conducted to inform this decision - if so please provide me with a copy.

RESPONSE

- 1) Which person or team make the decisions regarding visiting during Covid?

There is both national and regional guidance from the NHS England Chief Nurse and the NHS England North West regional Chief Nurse about visiting which has been in place throughout the pandemic.

There has also been specific guidance about infection prevention precautions issued by the UK Healthcare Security Agency.

This guidance has not changed for healthcare settings, despite the relaxation of COVID restrictions for the general public recently announced by the Government.

- 2) If the decision which resulted in this notice being published was taken at a meeting please provide me with the minutes

The NHS guidance was set at a National level. Please contact those organisations listed in Q1 for this information

- 3) When is the decision about visiting due to be reviewed?

The Trust understands that a review is being undertaken by the UK Health Security Agency and NHS England and will review its arrangements in light of any changes announced.

- 4) Was a risk/benefit analysis conducted to inform this decision - if so please provide me with a copy.

N/A see above.