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REQUEST

This response is for Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust

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?
 - b. If yes, are any of those policies still in place?
 - i. If yes, which of those policies are still in place?
2. Does the Trust currently have any visitation policies that:
 - a. 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?
 - b. 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?

RESPONSE

1. Did your Trust alter or update its visitor policy in response to Covid-19, yes or no?

At the very start of the pandemic all visiting was suspended. This was then reviewed periodically in line with NHSE guidance for all areas including maternity and neonatal. Visiting has since resumed as per pre-pandemic.

2. Does the Trust currently have any visitation policies that:
 - a. Would prevent a patient from receiving a visitor?

No

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

Neonatal Unit is limited to parents, grandparents, and siblings only, with two permitted per visit. These restrictions were in place before March 2020.