



Care Home Visiting Update April 4th 2022

At Brunelcare we understand how difficult the last 2 years have been for our residents, their families and friends, especially because of the restrictions placed on visiting in care homes. We also recognise that relatives and friends are our partners in the care of those living in our care homes.

We remain committed to enabling and supporting visiting that is meaningful, as safe as possible and we recognise that visiting is an essential and integral part of your loved ones care. We are pleased to say that all previous Department of Health and Social Care Visiting Guidance has been withdrawn as of 4th April 2022. Replaced by:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-covid-19-supplement/covid-19-supplement-to-the-infection-prevention-and-control-resource-for-adult-social-care>

As of today there will be:

No restrictions on the number of visitors, although we will ask that visitors do try to stagger family visits to aid with numbers in the home at any one time to ensure adequate space especially in communal environments.

No requirement for visiting to be booked.

Visitors are asked to record their temperature in the sign in sheet.

Visitors will no longer be required to have a lateral flow test prior to visiting the care home - unless providing direct personal care to their loved one, in which case they will need to have an LFD test twice a week. These will be provided by the care home.

Visiting will no longer be restricted to a residents room.

Masks are still required to be worn when in the care home and hand hygiene performed regularly.

We ask that all visitors are mindful of the rights of other residents and our colleagues and maintain physical distance, wear a mask and perform hand hygiene.

We ask that you do not visit if you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms such as a cough, raised temperature, diarrhoea or vomiting or have tested positive for Covid 19, and that you refrain from visiting until you are symptom free/have tested negative.

Home managers have the responsibility to ensure the safety of residents and colleagues and may need to risk assess individual circumstances.



We are still required to follow Public Health Guidance in the event of an outbreak, however we are able to support 1 visitor per resident to continue visiting during outbreaks and isolation.

Should there be a new “variant of concern” emerging this guidance may change.

Thank you for your continued support over the last 2 years