

13th January

Dear family members and friends,

I hope you are well.

The whole-site PCR test at Holy Cross from Monday and Tuesday this week returned no further Covid-19 cases among patients, staff and sisters.

While still remaining alert to the risks of Covid-19 (which might include variations which evade immunity in the future) we will be easing some of the current restrictions on visiting.

From Monday:

- inpatient visiting will resume in patients' rooms (plus external spaces), with up to three visits per patient per week
- our existing LFT and PPE requirements will remain in place
- our patient group activities programme will resume

If planning to visit in person, please would you book in advance by phoning the reception team on 01428 643311 (Monday to Thursday from 10am to 4pm). This week, we will also take phone bookings on Friday (for visits next week).

Visit schedule

St Mary's Ward (downstairs): Monday to Friday: 11.00-12.30, 12.30-14.00pm, 14.00-15.30, 15.30-17.00.

St Anthony's Ward (upstairs): Monday to Friday: 11.00-12.30, 12.30-14.00pm, 14.00-15.30, 15.30-17.00.

If requiring assistance to arrange and facilitate a virtual visit, again please call the reception team.

We will review these arrangements in the next couple of weeks with the hope of moving to further flexibility for patients, family members and friends.

General Covid Information

A round up of the latest insights from the Office of National Statistics is found here <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19/latestinsights>

Thank you again for your understanding and cooperation, and your feedback, observations and/or ideas for improvement are welcome at any time.

Kind regards,

Ross White