

This Grid outlines the arrangements which will apply in line with the roadmap back to normalised visiting - this is subject to change and will be reviewed frequently (see Appendix 1a).

Local outbreaks in specific HSC Trust areas and Care Homes may require an additional specific local response.

Pathway Moving towards Normalised Visiting in Care Homes NI

		Progression is dependent on the outcome of review and is not guaranteed. To note there is the potential to accelerate the easing of restrictions, but also to apply a 'brake' or to regress to a previous step if required and dependent on monitoring. Likewise the potential to accelerate the easing of restrictions will also be kept under review. Public messaging will be critically important and needs to be consistent, clear, accessible and repeated						
		4 week block		4 week block		4 week block		4 week block
	Review	Cautious first steps	Review	Gradual Easing	Review	Further easing	Review	Preparing for the future
Visiting in the home		Increased number of visits per week to 2; to be reviewed two weeks post implementation with a view to increasing to 3. Visits limited to two people at one time and lasting up to 1 hour. Visits to be accessible over a 7 day period as well as after 5pm.		Increased number of people able to visit at one time to maximum of 4 from no more than 2 households at any one visit and a maximum of 4 visits per week.		No restriction on number of people who may visit but visits limited to visitors from two household per day.		No restrictions on the number of visits or visitors.
		Children can visit and the responsibility will rest		Children will be encouraged to visit and the responsibility		Children will be encouraged to visit and the responsibility		No restrictions on the number of visits or

		with the adult for supervision to ensure they adhere to all IPC measures. Any child visiting will be included in total number of visitors for the arranged visit.		will rest with the adult for supervision to ensure they adhere to all IPC measures as appropriate. Any child visiting will be included in total number of visitors for the arranged visit.		will rest with the adult for supervision to ensure they adhere to all IPC measures. Restriction on numbers lifted.		visitors.
		Handwashing to replace use of gloves to enable handholding. Aprons and masks to remain.		Close physical contact enabled to include 'brief' hugging. Aprons and masks to remain.		Close physical contact enabled to include 'brief' hugging. Aprons and masks to remain.		Standard IPC measure including hand washing.
		Booking system for all visitors including evenings and weekends		Booking system for all visitors including evenings and weekends.		Booking system for all visitors including evenings and weekends.		No booking system required.
		Visiting in residents own room with window open		Visiting in residents own room with window open.		Visiting in residents own room with window open.		Visitors able to move around home.
		Visitors and residents may meet within the grounds of the home with access to gardens.						
Trips out of the home		Residents may resume trips out of the home following the restrictions applicable to the general public – see Appendix 1b. Where the resident complies with IPC advice and with the restrictions		Residents may resume trips out of the home following the restrictions applicable to the general public – see Appendix 1b. Where the resident complies with IPC advice and with restrictions applicable to general public there will be		Overnight stays may be facilitated in accordance with appropriate risk assessments following the restrictions applicable to the general public – see Appendix 1b. Where the resident complies with IPC advice and with restrictions applicable to		

		applicable to general public there will be no requirement to isolate on return to the home.		no requirement to isolate on return to the home.		general public there will be no requirement to isolate on return to the home.		
		Shared Care ¹ arrangements to resume as previously defined following risk assessment.		Shared Care arrangements to resume as previously defined following risk assessment.		Shared Care arrangements to resume as previously defined following risk assessment.		Shared care arrangements established to meet individual need.
Services into the home		Church Ministers and Faith Groups may book a visit; this in addition to the 2 visits noted above.		Church Ministers and Faith Groups may book a visit; this in addition to the 2 visits noted above.		Individuals from community & voluntary sector groups		Linking Generations work with schools etc. may commence
		Hairdressers may attend as per Executive easing.		Healthcare Students from FE colleges may resume placement.				
		Visiting professionals to resume if not already.						
		Care partner arrangements to continue.		Care partner arrangements to continue.		Care partner arrangements to continue.		

¹ Shared Care is a specific arrangement in place for people with learning disability.

Enabling factors	Enhanced cleaning of individual and communal spaces.	Enhanced cleaning of individual and communal spaces.	Enhanced cleaning of individual and communal spaces.	Enhanced cleaning of individual and communal spaces.
	Maintain adherence to current IPC measures ² .	Maintain adherence to current IPC measures.	Maintain adherence to current IPC measures.	Maintain adherence to current IPC measures.
	Appropriate mechanisms available to manage easing of visiting restrictions ³ .	Appropriate mechanisms available to manage easing of visiting restrictions.	Appropriate mechanisms available to manage easing of visiting restrictions.	
	Screening of all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.	Screening of all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.	Screening of all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.	Screening of all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
	Isolation arrangements to respond to individual circumstances and as per policy.	Isolation arrangements to respond to individual circumstances and as per policy.	Isolation arrangements to respond to individual circumstances and as per policy.	Isolation arrangements to respond to individual circumstances and as per policy.

² IPC measures include: hand hygiene, wearing PPE, respiratory hygiene, cleaning of the environment

³ Additional funding has been made available to support homes to put in place measures to facilitate visiting during the pandemic