Alert Level 5 - for Visiting Hospitals and Care Facilities

Area Of Care	Visiting and accompanying of visitors will be limited as follows:
General Hospital (including ICU)	No face to face visiting – however following a risk assessment, and ensuring a COVID secure environment, end of life visiting only may be considered.
Hospice Facilities	One friend, family member or carer may be permitted access to visit - where the environment is assessed as COVID secure (* see definition) - for up to one hour per day. Additionally, following a risk assessment and ensuring a COVID free environment, end of life visiting should be facilitated. (See Appendix 7, para 2.1 et seq),
Emergency Departments	One person can be facilitated to accompany the patient only where the patient is unable to understand or communicate with staff.
Out Patient Departments	While it is likely that most OPD appointments will be cancelled, one person can be facilitated to accompany the patient only where the patient is unable to understand or communicate with staff.
Paediatric/neonatal hospital settings	Any child admitted can be accompanied by one of two nominated parents / caregivers at any given time for the duration of the stay.
X Ray Departments	One person can be facilitated to accompany the patient only where the patient is unable to understand or communicate with staff.
Cancer/Burns/Renal Units	End of Life Visiting only.
Day Procedure Units	One person can be facilitated to accompany the patient only where the patient is unable to understand or communicate with staff.
Care Homes	Indoor visiting in resident rooms for end of life visiting. Where the home is not in an outbreak, visiting should be facilitated where there are well ventilated designated rooms/visiting pods. Alternatives to face-to-face visiting for all others should be provided (see main guidance - Appendix 5 Section 3)
Maternity Units	Birth partner will be facilitated to accompany the pregnant woman to dating scan, early pregnancy clinic, anomaly scan, Fetal Medicine Department, when admitted to individual room for active labour (to be determined by midwife) and birth.
Mental Health Wards	One person to visit only where it is deemed necessary to support the mental health and wellbeing of the patient. Alternatives to face-to-face visiting for all others
Learning Disability Wards	One person to visit only where it is deemed necessary to support the mental health and wellbeing of the patient. Alternatives to face-to-face visiting for all others

This table outlines the restrictions which apply in line with Regional Alert Level Position – currently at Alert Level 5 - this is subject to change and will be reviewed frequently. This summary MUST be read alongside the full guidance applicable in each setting. Local outbreaks in HSC Trust areas and Care Homes may occur which will require an additional specific local response.

*COVID-19 Secure: To maintain: a social distance of 2 metres when possible; Optimal hand hygiene and personal hygiene measures; Good ventilation; Use of PPE when required; Face Coverings.