

TWO CEDARS RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

IN-HOUSE VISITING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC POLICY

POLICY AIMS

Two Cedars aim to maintain high standards of personal and environmental infection prevention and control and mitigate the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

We aim to ensure that Residents and Staff's health and well-being remains supported at all times including when receiving visitors within the Home during Covid-19 Pandemic.

POLICY

At Two Cedars we are aware of the importance of keeping in contact with family and friends and understand that this should be part of everyday life within the Home. Due to the Pandemic, in-house visits are being introduced in line with Government Guidelines, local infection rates and the needs of the Home.

We are aware that visitors enhance Residents well-being and contributes to their support and care and in line with Government Guidelines we commenced visiting on 17/04/2021.

Every Residents will have named visitors who may come into the Home providing compliance with safety checks and negative LFD test results. Visitors will be asked to refrain from hugging and kissing at this time to mitigate risk of transmission.

We have set procedures in place to promote safe visiting which include Lateral Flow Tests, carrying out temperature checks, symptom declaration and the wearing of PPE. Visiting will be carried out in a designated area which is able to be cleaned and aired following each visit. At this time we are not able to offer visitors refreshments.

All access for visiting will be supported in line with safety measures put into place, and anyone found not adhering to this will be asked to comply and possibly return to screen visits. Residents needs and opinions will be taken into account when considering the safety and well-being of individuals.

In the event of a Resident or Staff Member testing positive, all in-house visits will stop immediately to protect vulnerable Residents, Staff and Visitors.

Screen visits can continue with family and friends not on the named visitors list without the need for Lateral Flow Tests.

This policy will be reviewed regularly in line with Residents needs and wellbeing, current levels of positive cases of Covid-19 within the local area and Government guidance.

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