

Visiting suspended during the COVID-19 outbreak

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From 6am on Thursday 26 March 2020, East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust is no longer allowing visitors except for the following reasons:

- the patient is receiving end-of-life care
- the patient is a child or neonate. The visitor must be a parent or designated carer only
- they are a partner or birthing partner accompanying a woman in labour.
- one person to support someone with a mental health issue such as dementia, a learning disability or autism where not being present would cause the patient to be distressed.

We appreciate this is a very troubling time for everyone, and so we ask for your help in respecting these rules which are an essential safety measure. Please use other means to stay in touch like phone calls, skype or Facebook for example.

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