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## **Media Statement**

Visiting restrictions have now been lifted at the RUH. We would like to thank patients and visitors for their patience and understanding throughout the last week.

The difficult decision to introduce visiting restrictions was taken to reduce the number of opportunities for norovirus to reach our vulnerable patients and staff. The virus is currently prevalent in the local area and some people who had displayed symptoms of the infection had chosen to visit their relatives in hospital despite being unwell.

We continue to ask members of the public who have been unwell not to visit relatives or attend outpatient appointments until they have been free from symptoms for at least 48 hours.

**Ends**