

## **Press Release**

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### **Winter Diarrhoea and Vomiting Bug at the RUH**

The RUH is currently experiencing an increase in the number of patients with the seasonal diarrhoea and vomiting bug. In order to proactively manage the situation and prevent further spread of infection, the hospital took the decision yesterday to substantially reduce the number of visitors and asked the public for their help.

There have been a small number of new cases of D&V amongst patients and staff since yesterday. Currently five wards remain closed to new admissions at the RUH.

Francesca Thompson, director of nursing at the RUH says: "We are grateful for the co-operation of the public. Visiting restrictions remain in place for the time being but this situation will be reviewed on a daily basis.

"If a visit is vital then we ask that relatives contact the ward in advance to confirm that this is appropriate.

"Our outpatient activity is still continuing so people should turn up for their outpatient appointments, unless of course they are ill, in which case they need to contact the department to say they are unable to attend."

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