

## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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### You asked

**Please provide copies of all information relating to why the hospital (Derriford) is closed for visitors (with no notice), including Moorgate Ward, on 19 June 2021.**

**To include reasons why, alternatives considered, how and when the decision was made and by whom (redacted for personal information of course) and the steps taken to mitigate and for how long.**

### Our reply

The current guidelines for visiting patients are one regular visitor per patient for one hour per day.

On the 19 June 2021 the ward had to close without notice whilst our Infection control team assessed a potential risk to patients, visitors and staff. This is a standard operating arrangement to minimise the risk to all. Once the risk was assessed and mitigated, the infection control team allowed the ward to reopen the following day.

The closure was agreed between senior ward staff and our infection control team.

The closure started at 11:30 on Saturday 19/06/21 and visiting resumed on Sunday 20/06/21.

This is a rare occurrence and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by the closure. Please note the closure only affected Moorgate Ward.

**Attachments included:** No