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Briefing for Elected Representatives

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Update to Visiting Guidance

Health Minister Robin Swann has confirmed changes to visiting arrangements for all care settings from Friday 7 May. The updated guidance for visiting will apply across all care settings.

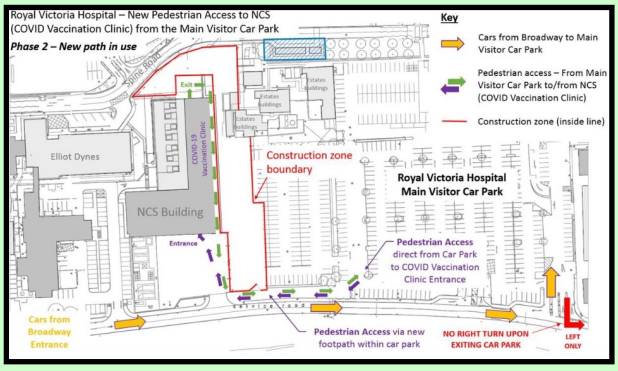
Visiting is by appointment only and your constituents **must** contact the ward sister to book all appointments.

Our visiting arrangements will continue to follow the Regional Principles of Visiting Guidelines. Virtual visiting remains the preferred option as this reduces the risk of spread of Covid-19.

Full details available on our website.

Change to Traffic Flow on the Royal Group of Hospitals Site

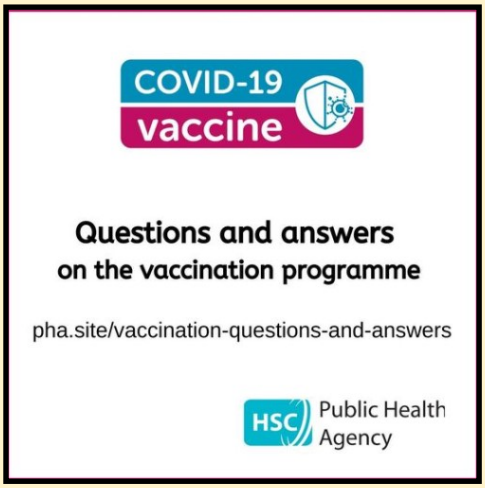
As part of the new Children's Hospital programme of works, a new Energy Centre will be constructed on the Royal Group of Hospitals (RGH) site. This will require the closure of one lane on the south service road and will directly impact two way traffic flow on the road. There will also be a temporary reduction of car parking spaces in the main car park and will last for a period of 12 weeks from 3 May 2021.



A traffic management plan has been produced and measures have been put in place to mitigate any impact on traffic flow. The natural spring/summer reduction in traffic and the reduction of traffic due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic make this an opportune time to complete the work. The situation will be kept under review throughout the works.

Click here to view a larger map.

Covid-19 Questions & Answers



Do you have constituents that are still unsure about the Covid-19 vaccine and want to find out more about it?

A comprehensive, current list of Q&As can be found here.

It's important to be informed about the vaccine, and there is lots of misinformation out there. Make sure your constituents facts come from a reliable source.

Maternal Mental Health Information

Perhaps you have new and expectant mothers among your constituents?

Did you know, they can feel a lot of pressure and find it difficult to feel able to talk openly about how they might be feeling?

Finding support in friends and family, taking time for and looking after themselves can make a huge difference.

Why not direct them over to our Facebook page where there are some helpful tips on how they can look after themselves or others who they've noticed may be struggling.

Do You Want to Make a Difference to the Lives of Young People?

Do you have constituents that could become supported lodgings hosts?

As a supported lodgings host they wouldn't be alone. They would receive ongoing support, a weekly payment to contribute towards rent, food and utilities; an allocated social worker as well as training opportunities.

We welcome applications to become Hosts from all backgrounds, regardless of marital, employment or home ownership status. As long as they have a spare room and have time to give to a young person, we would love to hear from them.

They can get in touch by clicking here or ringing **Tel: 0800 0720 137.**

Read what Laura's Supported Lodgings Host Sarah had to say here.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Public Liaison Team please:-

Tel: (028) 9504 5888 or Email: publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net