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Mignot Memorial Hospital and Alderney Care Home visiting to cease with immediate effect

Following the announcement this morning of 3 positive cases of COVID-19 identified in Alderney, all visiting to the Mignot Memorial Hospital and Alderney care homes has ceased with immediate effect.

For clarity, with immediate effect:

Mignot Memorial Hospital - routine visiting is temporarily suspended as the evolving situation is assessed, but measures have put in place to support visits if someone is receiving end of life care. End of life visits will be looked at on a compassionate case by case basis. Such visits will only be allowed if they can be managed safely. In general, even this visiting will be discouraged.

Connaught Care Home – family and friends visits are also temporarily suspended. End of life visits will be individually assessed. Community care services and meals on wheels will continue to be provided but staff will have the appropriate PPE.

Dermot Mullin, Director of Hospital and Adult Community Care Services said:

‘This is a precautionary measure until we understand the full extent of COVID-19 cases in Alderney. I understand that this decision means that family and friends are unable to see their loved ones at this time. These decisions will be reviewed in line with Public health guidance on a very regular basis and we ask for your patience as we do what we to protect you and your loved ones.’

Contact tracing will continue in Alderney today. Four nurses have been deployed to Alderney today from Guernsey to support with surge testing. We were prepared for cases of community seeding as we begin to live responsibly with COVID-19. A further update will be provided as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we ask that Alderney residents refrain from calling the hospital or the Island Medical Centre for general information to enable staff to focus on those who need medical care.

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