

PE1841/FF

Louise Harcus submission of 13 March 2021

I am writing to support PE1841.

My request is to allow one designated visitor into a care home and have the same movement access as staff. I can't see how this is unreasonable to ask when agency staff frequently access care home premises.

The care home my family member resides in has been closed to visitors since September and numerous times before. Prior to the pandemic I visited everyday can you imagine how my loved one and many more are feeling, mostly confused, lonely and depressed. We can never get this precious time back, this is why legislation is so important!

Care homes are continuing to close to visitors with residents having to be confined to their rooms because staff are testing positive to Covid-19. The longer this is allowed to continue sadly more residents will, I believe, die of a lonely heart.

I beg you to pass this legislation so this never ever happens again!