

**PE1841/U**

Ms McIntyre submission of 3 March 2021

I am writing to support this petition regarding that at least one designated visitor to be allowed for the short term into Care Homes to be with our families building towards more time with family & friends together ASAP.

We have the relevant protection / PPE Lateral Flow Devices, Track & Trace infection, prevention and control & the long-awaited vaccine!! The last 11 months, weeks short of almost a year locked away have taken the toll on so many! Care Home Residents group shines a sad light & paper trail on many of real-life experiences & stories of our most vulnerable ones that we can never allow to carry on or ever happen again!

Many families rely on us so much. I have a family member for example who has aphasia where their speech has been affected and sadly can no longer speak correctly. Their understanding of conversation is limited therefore they are deprived of myself being there for them, to be their voice their everything. Families understand the little things that mean so much that nobody else can! Many elderly I met who do not use Social media etc are broken as not only is time of essence for their partners, in Care Homes the time clock is ticking for them too! (never has this been taken into consideration)

This can never happen again it has to end now! All our families have been stripped of all human rights. No Voice No right to choose, they are not an object they are human & sadly many do not have time on their side! We need this enshrined in law in order for us to be kept together & not forced apart ever again! This can be done safely!

I feel from the outset we should all have been treated as one Staff / Relatives regarding testing etc! The damage done due to this not happening is one that will never be able to be reversed!

Let's change history before future families have to experience this by making this law that at least 1 designated visitor can meet with family for the short-term building toward more of a normality for them they deserve it so much!

They have done their time! Set them free / Passing this law = Saving Life's!  
Would like to add my family members care home staff have done a great job but our family need us as it is the little things that mean so much for them we are their voice their everything!