



***Policy on
Visitors to people living in
KARE houses.***

KARE POLICY DOCUMENT				
<i>Policy Owner: Manager Children/Adult Supports</i>				
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Rev 1.3	August 2019	September 2019	October 2019	Oct 2019 -
Rev 1.4	Amendment to make accommodations for Covid Crisis Approved by SPG April 8 th 2020			

Policy Statements

KARE believes that keeping contact with friends and relatives is very important for people's quality of life. KARE will support people living in its houses to keep contact with their family, friends and relatives.

We believe that the people we support have a right to:

- friendships and relationships
- be visited by anyone they wish to see
- decide when they would like someone to visit them
- meet their visitors in private

During the period of the Covid Crisis KARE will restrict/manage visitors to its Community houses in line with the advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team and the HSE.

Staff will support individuals to:

- invite their family and friends to visit in line with their wishes
- arrange a suitable time for their visits
- consider how other people living in the house may be impacted by their visitor/s
- decide where and how to entertain their visitor

Visitors are asked to

- arrange a suitable time for visiting with the person
- respect the wishes of the person
- respect the other people living in the house

Staff will work with the individual and their family / friend to resolve any issues in relation to visiting. This might include matters relating to the impact of an individual's visitor/s on other people living in the house or concerns with regard to the individual's welfare and safety. Where relevant a risk assessment will be carried out to identify the risk to the individual and the controls measures required to manage the risk; if required an Individual Support Plan will be developed to document how the individual will be supported to have visitors.

Other KARE policies and guidelines which are related to and support this policy are:

- Individualised Planning
- Risk Management Policy
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse
- Matters relating to Sexuality

This policy is made available to people living in KARE houses and their families through the House Information Booklet