

Written submission from North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership on the Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026, 9 February 2026

Health Social Care and Sport Committee Call for Evidence

Question 1 – Regulation 2 states that the care provider must identify at least one individual as an Essential Care Supporter. Does this regulation provide/guarantee friends and relatives appropriate involvement in the process of identifying an Essential Care Supporter?

Yes this is clear in that the appropriate person's in the resident's life will be involved in the process of identifying an Essential Care Supporter.

Question 2 – Regulation 3 covers the right to visits in general. Does this regulation adequately describe what 'facilitation' of visiting does or does not entail?

This could be more detailed and only seems to concentrate on internal and external visits distinction, with limited information around what this entails.

Question 3 – Do you think that the regulations around suspension of visiting (Regulations 4 and 5) provide adequate assurance to residents and their loved ones that they will have the right to continue to care for and visit residents in the event of a suspension of visiting? For example, during an outbreak of infection?

Yes

Question 4 – Do you think the duty to review decisions to suspend on receipt of a valid request is clear and appropriate?

Yes

Question 5 – Do you think that the notification processes are appropriate and proportionate?

Yes

Question 6 – Do you have any comment on the regulations from an international human rights perspective?

Nothing further to add