

to the recommended policy (see draft letter attached at **Annex B**). Colleagues across Northern Ireland are to be asked to revise their public facing information to take account of the updated guidance, which I intend to bring into force with immediate effect.

Recommendation

6. You are asked to note the updated Principles at **Annex A**, and agree that the draft letter attached at **Annex B** is issued to HSC colleagues across Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

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Addendum: Minister asked on 4 May:

1. **What is the status of end of life visits to care homes? Have we any idea of what proportion of homes not allowing them?** At this stage we do not have the information requested but we are trying to get it and will feed it through to the Minister's office when we have reliable information to share.
2. **Charlotte's letter appears to be focused entirely on inpatient health settings, whereas the update principles do appear to also relate to care homes.** The letter has been revised to reflect that the guidance includes care home settings.
3. **Is ICU covered in revised guidance?** Yes

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