

Volunteers and Covid-19 Regulations

It is likely that TW support for the Refugee Family will be constrained by the prevailing Government restrictions to combat coronavirus Covid-19.

The Government may apply a single regime of controls across the whole of England when it considers that to be justified. At other times it divides England into a number of **Tiers**, each with different degrees of restriction, depending on the local incidence of infection. Individual local authorities may be moved from one tier to another as their circumstances change. Recently, North Tyneside, along with other local authorities in the North East, has been placed in Tier 2. But this may not remain the case.

TW will observe whatever restrictions are in place and will ensure that volunteers are not expected to do anything which is contrary to the Government's regulations or advice. All volunteers are likewise asked to keep abreast of the latest guidance.

Up to date advice on Enabling Safe and Effective Volunteering during COVID-19 is available on the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/enabling-safe-and-effective-volunteering-during-coronavirus-covid-19>. The Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has issued comprehensive guidance for volunteers on how to help others safely at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely>. This includes advice on when masks or face coverings should be worn. This will often be appropriate when volunteers are in the company of Family members.

If volunteers have any queries regarding the application of particular advice, they should seek the views of one of the Volunteer Co-ordinators.

This policy will be kept under very close review – you may need to refer to it at least weekly.