

NEW HAVEN FARM HOME FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS POLICY STATEMENT

New Haven Farm Home recognises the importance of relationships with family and friends, and supports clients to maintain and develop meaningful and lasting relationships. We appreciate the fact that each relationship is different for each family, or friend, and we respect the personal, cultural and religious differences.

New Haven Farm Home acknowledges that all clients have the right to maintain contact with people who are important to them. We believe that maintaining these relationships helps clients in retaining their identity and connection with their family, community, friends and other important people. For this reason it is important that clients are assisted in maintaining relationships with their family members and other significant people in their lives. They should be encouraged and given opportunities to express their own wishes about who they would like contact with, the nature of the contact, and how frequent. They should be supported to achieve this unless there are documented and compelling reasons to the contrary.

It is our duty and responsibility to ensure that clients have the opportunity to maintain relationships and that this contact meets the client's needs, promoted his/her psychological and social well-being, and supports existing relationships.