

Sheffield PCT - Provider Services Delivering Same-Sex Accommodation Declaration of compliance

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Further information on our work to deliver same sex accommodation

Every patient has the right to receive high quality care that is safe, effective and respects their privacy and dignity. Sheffield PCT – Provider Services is committed to providing every patient with same sex accommodation, because it helps to safeguard their privacy and dignity when they are often at their most vulnerable.

We are proud to confirm that mixed sex accommodation has been eliminated in our trust. Patients who are admitted to Beech Hill Rehabilitation Unit will have a single room with en suite facilities. Sharing with members of the opposite sex will not happen.

What does this mean for patients?

Patients admitted to Beech Hill Rehabilitation Unit can expect to find the following:

Same sex-accommodation means:

- The **room where your bed is** will be a single private room.
- Your **toilet and shower** are en suite

It is possible that there will be both men and women patients on the ward, but they will not share your sleeping area or your en suite facilities.

You may share some communal space, such as day rooms or dining rooms, and it is very likely that you will see both men and women patients as you move around the unit (eg on your way to the gymnasium or dining room).

It is probable that visitors of the opposite gender will come into the room where your bed is, and this may include patients visiting each other.

It is almost certain that both male and female nurses, doctors and other staff will come into your bed area.

If you need to take a bath then you may be taken to a “unisex” bathroom used by both men and women, but a member of staff will be with you, and other patients will not be in the bathroom at the same time.

The NHS will not turn patients away just because a “right-sex” bed is not immediately available

What are our plans for the future?

Sheffield PCT – Provider Services will continue to maintain compliance with the accommodation in Beech Hill Rehabilitation Unit. The unit was refurbished to a high standard in April 2009. There are no plans to change the accommodation from single rooms with en suite facilities other than continual improvement and refurbishment.

How will we measure success?

We will continue to measure our success through local patient experience surveys. We have declared compliance with the CQC registration requirements and anticipate inspection visits and to receive scores in 2010/11.

What do I do if I think I am in mixed sex accommodation?

We want to know about your experiences. Please contact Jayne Morgan, Associate Director of Quality and Standards, on 0114 305 1603 if you have any comments or concerns.