

# **ELIMINATING MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION**

## **DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE**

Step One is pleased to confirm that we are compliant with the Government's requirement to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation, except when it is in the person's overall best interest, or reflects their personal choice. We have the necessary facilities, resources and culture to ensure that people who are admitted to Cypress Hospital will have a single room in a same-sex area having same-sex toilets and bathrooms close to their bedrooms.

Sharing facilities with members of the opposite sex will only happen when clinically necessary, for example, where people have mobility support needs to use specialist areas such as the assisted toilet on the ground floor, or when people actively choose to share, for instance, in the designated same-sex lounge.

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will report it on monthly evaluations. Any mixed-sex accommodation breaches will be reported to the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). We will also set up an audit mechanism to make sure that we do not misclassify any of our reports.

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