

ELIMINATING MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION

Context:

The Chief Nursing Officer and Deputy NHS Chief Executive require providers to declare that hospital accommodation is same-sex. The Mental Health Act Code of Practice also states that all bedroom and bathroom areas need to be segregated.

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 en-suite room in a same-sex area and segregated same sex bathrooms.

Sharing mixed sex areas with members of the opposite sex will only happen when clinically necessary, for example, where people with mobility support needs use the specialist assisted en-suite bedrooms on the ground floor.

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.