

Eliminating Mixed Sex Accommodation

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is delighted to report that all areas of challenge have now been addressed in respect of eliminating mixed sex accommodation (EMSA). As from April 2014, there will be no further breaches in EMSA following the new critical care build.

As a result of this, the Improvement Plan is now considered to be complete. A review of actions that have been progressed as a result of this are summarised below.

Improvement Plan: Summary of Progress

Section 1: Patient Experience

- Monthly patient experience questionnaires continue to be collected by our hospital volunteers. Results are shared with our Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England North and locally at Divisional level.
- Results from the National In-Patient Survey relating to same-sex accommodation are reviewed annually.

Section 2: Estates

- All areas within Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are now single sex. This follows the critical care rebuild which, up until March 2013, was the only area where breaches were occurring.
- Privacy and Dignity which includes the provision of same-sex accommodation, is a vital component of all planned new or refurbished capital schemes within the Trust.

Section 3: Systems and Processes

- A “Mixed-Sex Occurrence” Policy and Procedure is in place.
- A Privacy and Dignity Policy is in place.
- The Trust has made a Declaration of Compliance in respect of eliminating mixed-sex accommodation (EMSA).

Section 4: Staff Culture

- EMSA Executive Leadership is clear.
- Staff promote and actively support the EMSA agenda.

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