

Mixed Sex Accommodation Annual Statement 2025/26

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust (UHD) remains committed to complying with the Government's requirement to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation.

We have the necessary facilities, resources and culture to ensure that patients who are admitted to our hospitals share the room where they sleep with members of the same sex, and same-sex toilets and bathrooms close to their bed area.

Sharing with members of the opposite sex will only happen when clinically necessary (for example where patients need specialist equipment such as in Intensive Care (ICU), Coronary Care (CCU), or when patients actively choose to share (for instance Chemotherapy Day Unit).

The trust implements this commitment in practice through the Same Sex Accommodation and Privacy and Dignity Policies. Evidence of compliance includes reports of all breaches via the organisation's incident reporting system including the completion of Duty of Candour. If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will identify this through our internal reporting process, review the reasons, and report internally and externally.

Our mixed sex accommodation data is regularly reviewed by our Quality Committee and reported to the Board, through the Integrated Performance Report. UHD remains compliant with the requirements of national reporting. This is part of our ongoing commitment to delivery of our declaration of compliance and learning where concordance is not achieved.

Following the recent Supreme Court ruling and once national guidance is published, UHD will review its policies and procedures to ensure regulatory compliance.

Chief Executive

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