

Mixed Sex Accommodation Annual Statement 2024/25

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust remains committed to complying with the Government's requirement to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation, except when it is in the patient's overall best interests, for example in critical care settings such as intensive care and other specialist care areas.

We have the necessary facilities to provide male and female sleeping areas, toilet and washing facilities. This will mean different things in different hospitals. You could be:

- in a same-sex ward, where the whole ward is occupied by either a male or female only.
- in a single room, or
- in a mixed ward, where male and females are in separate bays or rooms with members of the same or identified gender.

Toilet and washing facilities should be easy to get to, not a long way from your bed. You should not have to go through accommodation, toilet, or washing facilities used by the opposite sex, to get to your own. Gender neutral toileting facilities are also available throughout the trust.

The trust implements this commitment in practice through the Same Sex Accommodation and Privacy and Dignity Policies. If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will identify this through our internal reporting process, review the reasons, and report it externally to our commissioners.

Our mixed sex accommodation data is regularly reviewed by our Quality Committee and reported to the Board in the public meeting, 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.

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