

Delivering Same Sex Accommodation (DSSA) Declaration

Declaration

The Trust must declare by 1 April 2014 whether or not it continues to be compliant in eliminating mixed-sex accommodation.

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be declaring compliance.

Declaration of Compliance

Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is pleased to confirm that we are compliant with the Government's requirement to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation, except when it is in the patient's overall best interest, or reflects their personal choice.

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

Sharing with members of the opposite sex will only happen when clinically necessary or when patients actively choose to share (for instance the renal dialysis unit or chemotherapy unit).

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will resolve it as quickly as possible and report it via the Trust Committee Structure to the Trust Board and also to our local Clinical Commissioning Groups.

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Director of Nursing & Quality
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