

Eliminating mixed sex accommodation - Declaration of compliance

InHealth 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 facilities can access same-sex toilets and are not required to spend time in a bed which is adjacent or close to a patient of another gender. If at all possible a patient will be accompanied to the toilet by a staff member of the same sex.

Most patients are not required to undress and to ensure this is not necessary, they are given clear instructions on what is suitable to wear for their appointment. If a patient is required to change into a gown they are not subsequently required to sit in a mixed sex waiting area. Patients who come to the unit in a wheelchair or on a trolley wearing a gown or night wear will always be covered by a blanket to maintain their comfort and modesty.

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will report it. We have set up an audit mechanism to make sure that we are meeting the standards we have set in our Privacy and Dignity Policy and our Health Care Quality Audit. Unit managers have a Quality Tool Kit available to them to check compliance with this statement and our Privacy and Dignity Policy.

We will publish the results of audits on our website.