

Separate Male and Female Accommodation

A guide for patients
and their carers

Patient Information Leaflet

INTRODUCTION

This leaflet has been written to tell you about patient accommodation at Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (ANHSFT).

We try hard to make sure that all patients, their families and carers are treated with the highest level of privacy, dignity and respect and are given choices in their care whenever possible.

ANHSFT tries to care for patients in either all male or female wards, single side rooms or carefully separated areas within mixed wards with separate male and female toilets and washing areas.

There will be times when it is necessary to provide care for male and female patients in the same ward or department. This may happen when patients require very specialised or urgent care. This might take place when patients are admitted to the areas listed below:-

Overnight stay areas

Critical Care Unit, Ward 16 (Including ICU, HDU & CCU)

Medical Assessment Unit

Children's Unit

Hyper-acute stroke unit (HASU)

Day treatment areas

Haematology/Oncology Day Unit (HODU)

Endoscopy Unit

Day Hospital for the Elderly

Radiology

Day Surgery

If you are receiving specialised or urgent care we will only move you to a separate male or female area when you are well enough. If you have concerns about where you are being cared for please tell the nurses so that they can help you as soon as possible.

We know that in some of our day treatment areas it may be comforting to meet patients with similar conditions so male and female patients may share this accommodation. There will be separate toilet and washing areas and privacy, dignity and respect will be given during medical, nursing or personal care.

If you or your family have any questions, please ask your nurse who can arrange for you to speak with a matron if you wish.

If you prefer, you may wish to contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS). PALS are also able to put you in touch with the Matron for your department if you wish.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service
(PALS)
01535 294019

To contact the Matron, please ask a nurse
on your ward or phone the hospital
switchboard on 01535 652511 and ask for
the individual Matron to be bleeped

If you require this leaflet in other languages or formats please telephone the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on: 01535 294019 for advice.

Please raise any issue you may have about your care and treatment with a member of staff.

Raising your concerns will not adversely affect the care you will receive.

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