



North Somerset

SAME SEX ACCOMODATION; STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Clevedon Community Hospital has assessed the compliance of its wards with regard to same sex accommodation. As from July 1 we are fully compliant with the standards laid down.

As commissioners we are assured that Weston General Hospital has assessed its compliance and is fully compliant with the exception of the following areas:

- Clinical Support Unit is estimated to be fully compliant by the end of December 2010
- Day Surgery Unit is estimated to be fully compliant by the end of December 2010.
- Five in-patient wards are estimated to be compliant by the end of 2009*.

*Non compliance is due to patients requiring access to toilets and not due to male and female patients being mixed in bays.

NHS North Somerset is committed to providing high quality care that is safe, effective and focused on the patient experience, so we very much welcome the latest investment to help us led the way in making mixed sex accommodation on hospital a thing of the past.

The only exception to single sex accommodation is where the nature of much specialised areas means that clinical staff cannot plan for different genders of patients being treated. Examples of this include Intensive Care and High Dependency units.

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