

**South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust
Eliminating Mixed-Sex Accommodation
Declaration of Compliance**

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS 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.

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will report it. We will also set up an audit mechanism to make sure we do not misclassify any of our reports. We will publish the results of that audit.

The Trust has completed a pilot of a Real Time Feedback System for service users and aims to commence full-roll out from April 2012. This will enable the Trust to regularly monitor service user experiences of mixed-sex accommodation. The Trust has commissioned annual inpatient surveys that reflect the same methodology and sampling as the 2009 National Inpatient Survey. One of the questions is *'during your most recent stay, did you ever share a sleeping area, for example a room or bay, with patients of the opposite sex?'* The results and action plan are taken to the Trust Board. We will continue to work with our commissioners to maximise the inpatient choice options we are able to offer patients.