



Eliminating mixed-sex accommodation - Declaration of compliance

The Christie 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 hospital 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 (for example where patients need specialist equipment such as in the Critical Care Unit).

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will report it. We have an internal monitoring process to ensure we do not misclassify any of our mixing reports. We will publish results alongside this declaration each month

What does this mean for patients?

Other than in the circumstances set out above in the declaration, patients admitted to The Christie NHS Foundation Trust can expect to find the following:

Same sex-accommodation means:

- The **room where your bed is** will only have patients of the same sex as you
- Your **toilet and bathroom** will be just for your gender, and will be close to your bed area

It is possible that there will be both men and women patients on the ward, but they will not share your sleeping area. You may have to cross a ward corridor to reach your bathroom, but you will not have to walk through opposite-sex areas.

You may share some communal space, such as day rooms or dining rooms, and it is very likely that you will see both men and women patients as you move around the hospital (eg on your way to X-ray or the operating theatre).

It is probable that visitors of the opposite gender will come into the room where your bed is, and this may include patients visiting each other.

It is almost certain that both male and female nurses, doctors and other staff will come into your bed area.

If you need help to use the toilet or take a bath (e.g. you need a hoist or special bath) then you may be taken to a "unisex" bathroom used by both men and women, but a member of staff will be with you, and other patients will not be in the bathroom at the same time.

The NHS will not turn patients away just because a "right-sex" bed is not immediately available



What are our plans for the future and how will we measure success?

Our commitment to eliminating mixed-sex accommodation is captured in our delivery plan which sets out how we intend to continue to manage the delivery of same sex accommodation and how this is monitored

What do I do if I think I am in mixed sex accommodation?

We want to know about your experiences. Please contact our PALS service on 0161 446 8217 if you have any comments or concerns.



Eliminating Mixed-sex Accommodation (EMSA) **Delivery Plan 2019/20**

The EMSA plan is a condition precedent of the NHS standard contract.



Section 1: Patient experience

	Aim (DH, 2010c)	Actions	Named responsible person(s)	Dates/Milestones
1.1	Patient experience related to EMSA is captured by the National In-patient Survey, which is received by the Trust Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual National In-patient Survey is reported to the Patient Experience Committee and Executive Team	Patient Experience and Improvement Lead	Annually
1.2	Any adverse patient experience related to EMSA reaches the Trust Board of Directors via an integrated performance and quality report which includes complaints, PALS and claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality & Standards team compiles quality and standards information for inclusion in integrated performance and quality report	Associate Chief Nurse	Monthly
1.3	Information leaflets for <i>Same Sex Accommodation at The Christie</i> are available for use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leaflets are available on Intranet, in 'Patient Information' on Trust web-site and on the wardsLeaflets are replenished and updated (review date set for every 3 years)	Patient Information Manager Ward Sisters/Charge Nurses, Matrons,	Leaflet update due - March 2022



Section 2: Estates

	Aim (DH, 2010c)	Actions	Named responsible person(s)	Dates/Milestones
2.1	The estate is able to support and deliver the virtual elimination of mixed-sex accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integration of EMSA into scheduling and prioritisation of estates function.	Head of Facilities	On-going (from 1.4.10)
2.2	Delivery of same-sex accommodation is assured in planning of all new or refurbished capital schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment of new schemes for compliance with EMSA• System developed to feed patient experience data in to estates planning – all business cases require relevant patient experience information to be factored into plans	Head of Facilities	On-going (from 1.4.10)



		required from the Quality & Standards Team.		
3.3	Relevant Trust policies refer to requirement for EMSA and privacy and dignity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Privacy & Dignity Policy (incorporating “Mixed-Sex Occurrence” Policy and procedure) is in place, and reviewed and updated every 5 years	Quality Improvement Nurse	Policy update due October 2022
3.4	The Trust can demonstrate the virtual elimination of mixed-sex accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The standard for “virtual elimination” is agreed with co-ordinating commissioner.• The frequency of all mixing is known and reported (performance report for commissioners)• There are no areas of “exemption”• Actions to eliminate mixing are in place.	Chief Nurse & Executive Director of Quality	On-going (from 1.4.10)
3.5	Patients do not share sleeping accommodation or toilet facilities with members of the opposite sex. Patients do not have to pass through accommodation used by the opposite sex to gain access to their own facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of virtual elimination is available (e.g. estates survey, performance standard, in-patient survey results)	Matrons, Ward Sisters/Charge Nurses	On-going (from 1.4.10)

