

- * We try to designate certain areas of the ward to members of the same sex
- * Sometimes, we might need to admit you to an area of the ward that is designated to members of the opposite sex. This will never involve sharing a room or bay with member of the opposite sex, but may mean that you have to walk through the ward to reach your facilities
- * This might happen if you need to be admitted to hospital urgently, but we don't have a bed available in the right area of the ward
- * We would not delay your admission in these circumstances but we will keep you fully informed, ask you your views and move you into a same-sex area of the ward as quickly as possible
- * We will talk with you and make a record in your care plan of what we will do to protect your privacy and dignity in these circumstances

“No one admitted to Sheffield Health and Social Care will share, sleeping, toilet or washing facilities with anyone of the opposite sex.”

Kevan Taylor

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Chief Executive

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If you have any questions relating to same sex accommodation please speak to the nurse in charge.

If you are unhappy about any aspect of your care you can speak to the ward manager or the Corporate Affairs Team on 0114 2718956 who will advise and help you.

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Our Commitment to Your Privacy & Dignity



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Our Commitment to You

Many people feel very vulnerable while in hospital, and sharing sleeping, toilet and washing facilities can make them feel even more distressed or anxious.

This leaflet explains how we work to protect and maintain your privacy and dignity during your hospital stay by providing you with sleeping, toilet and washing facilities that you share only with people of the same sex.

The staff on the ward will show you where your facilities are. You can expect that they will be clearly signed, clean and ready to use.

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What do we mean by Same Sex Accommodation

Same sex accommodation is where all sleeping areas, toilet and washing facilities, are designated to either men or women only.

Sleeping arrangements

You will be offered either a single room or a bed in a bay with other people of the same sex. We will never expect or ask you to share a bed bay with someone of the opposite sex.

Bathrooms and Toilets

You will have either en-suite facilities or have a toilet and bathroom close to your sleeping area. Disabled or specialist facilities will be clearly signposted.

A Lounge area for Women Only

We will provide a separate lounge area on every ward for women only.

What you can expect on this ward

- * We will do everything we can to ensure your privacy and dignity is respected
- * We will ask you for your preferences about the gender of your named nurse and make every effort to meet your request
- * We will ask you regularly about how you feel about sharing the ward with the opposite sex
- * We will do all we can to ensure that you will not be overheard or overlooked
- * We will act proactively to protect your safety and dignity if at times you are not able to protect yourself
- * We will act on your concerns
- * We will report any occasion where we have not been able to meet our commitment