



Mixed Sex Ward Areas



We sincerely apologise that you are in an area with both male and female patients.

These are exceptional circumstances, so please be assured that this would not be our normal standard and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

In order for the hospital to restart services during the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been many national directed changes to how we protect patients from the transmission of the virus.

Although every effort has been made to do so, to ensure patient safety and limit the risk of infection, it is not always possible to separate patients according to their gender at this time. This has been assessed to protect both you and others.

Please accept my unreserved apology. We will aim to return to single sex inpatient areas as soon as possible. Your privacy and dignity are important to us, and we will do everything we can to maintain this.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please see the nurse in charge of the ward.

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Director of Nursing & Quality

If you would like further information, please contact the Patient Advice & Liaison Service on 0800 7838058 or email pals@dchft.nhs.uk



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