

ELIMINATING MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION

DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE – 1st April 2012

Guys and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust can confirm that we are fully compliant with the Government's requirement to ensure that our patients do not share sleeping accommodation with members of the opposite sex, unless it is in the overall best interests of the patient, examples of which are Critical Care and our Renal Unit.

In all but one of our areas we are also able to confirm that patients do not have to walk past or through an area occupied by the opposite sex to get to same sex toilets and bathrooms.

The exception to this is our Endoscopy Unit at St Thomas' Hospital. We have arrangements in place to protect patients' dignity and have an action plan agreed to resolve this and ensure full compliance by January 2013.

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will report it. We will also set up an audit mechanism to monitor compliance and patient experience. This will be reported in our Quality and Patient Safety Board Report.