

## **Eliminating Mixed Sex Accommodation - Declaration of Compliance**

King's College Hospital 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.

Achieving full compliance and minimising the risk of non-compliance within the intensive care areas has currently been achieved by removing two level 2 care beds. Full compliance in the longer term will be addressed through a major rebuild project of the intensive care areas which is due for completion towards the end of 2017.

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 happen only when clinically necessary, for example critical care, or when patients actively choose to share.

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