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Dear Mr Syed,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information we received on the 7 October 2013, we are providing you with access to the recorded information held by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust in answer to your enquiry.

You requested the following information:

(1) Please give the number of male only wards, female only wards and mixed wards across the Trust.

In the acute division there is 1 male only ward in the Trust (Coral, Psychiatric Intensive Care), 1 female only ward (Rosewood) and 1 community based female only Crisis House.

In terms of mixed wards in the acute division there are 10 wards and 1 community based crisis house. Of the 10 wards 4 wards have 2 male beds that can be converted to female beds as and when needed, and 2 further wards have 3 male beds that can be converted to female beds as and when needed. In all cases the flexible beds are located adjacent to the nursing office.

There are 3 mixed rehabilitation units at St Pancras hospital and 1 mixed rehabilitation and 1 mixed continuing care ward at Highgate Mental Health Centre. There is also a 24 hour community rehabilitation unit. 3 of the rehabilitation wards appear to have 1 or more flexible bed.

(2) Please give the number of self-contained rooms or confirm if all wards have self-contained rooms.

Other than 3 rooms on Laffan ward and 8 rooms on Dunkley ward at the Huntley Centre all rooms are self-contained in the sense that they have access to a toilet and a shower.

None of the rooms have TV's etc. all wards (with the exception of the single sex units) have male and female day areas.

(3) Please give the number of fully accessible self-contained rooms across the Trust and where these are located i.e. in mixed wards/ single gender wards.

For security reasons all female only areas can only be accessed by a member of staff.

There are 279 acute, rehab and continuing care beds within the Trust. Of these 6 beds on Dunkley are in shared rooms so there are 273 single bed rooms in the Trust. Of these rooms 11 do not have en-suite showers/toilets so there are 262 single rooms with showers.

24 female beds are only female only units and 12 on the male only PICU
108 are in female only areas

The remainder are in either male only areas or mixed gender accommodation areas

(4) Please confirm if the accessible rooms on mixed wards are on the male side of the ward or the female side of the ward or both

In terms of rooms which are accessible without staff opening the controlled access doors between the main ward and the female only areas, with the exception of the 2 female only units and 1 male only unit - all accessible beds are in the male only and flexible bed areas.

(5) Please give the total number of female only accessible self-contained rooms across the Trust

All 24 beds spread between the 2 female only units are accessible and the remaining 108 female only beds are in female only areas, access to which is controlled by staff as a security precaution.

(6) Please give details and provide policy documents or guidance on placing female patients with physical disability in to accessible rooms on the male side of a ward.

There is no policy regarding the placement of female patients with physical disability in male rooms because the Trust does not support this type of activity. With the exception of the male PICU and Dunkley ward all hospital based wards have identified disabled access bedroom. This bedroom is also one of the identified flexible (male/female) beds located next to the nursing office.

(7) Please give details of how many times this has occurred in the periods 2010 to present

There has not been an occasion in which a disabled female patient was placed in a male only bed.

(8) Please confirm if on all mixed wards male and female sides are physically separated by a door and whether this door is routinely locked to ensure separation.

With the exception of the community rehabilitation unit all female only areas are separated from the rest of the ward by a door and access into the female area is controlled by staff.

On all hospital based wards there exists a door between male and female only areas and this door is locked with access controlled by staff.

(9) Please give details of how many ward based Occupational Therapists are currently in post within the Trust and where they are located

On the Acute Treatment Wards there are 0.5wte OTs per ward. Therefore 1wte OT will cover 2 Acute Wards.

In The Acute Division

There are 9 Acute Treatment Wards, 1 PICU and 1 Assessment Ward = 5.5wte OT posts, currently we employ three full time and five part time OTs on these Wards.

8 Adult Acute Wards are at Highgate Mental Health Centre and 3 Adult Acute Wards at the Huntley Centre, St. Pancras Hospital.

I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

Further information about your rights, is available from the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours Sincerely

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