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Press Release

RNHRD PLEASED TO REPORT NO BREACHES IN SINGLE SEX ACCOMMODATION

The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust (RNHRD NHS FT), known locally as the 'Min', reported no breaches of mixed sex accommodation during 2011 to the Department of Health.

From April 2011 acute hospitals in the region have been required to collect figures on the number of patients staying in mixed sex accommodation. The 'Min' has been able to report no breaches since data collection began.

Annie Kelly, Director of Operations and Clinical Practice at the RNHRD says: "We are pleased that we continue to meet the government's requirements to eliminate mixed sex accommodation. At the 'Min' we have necessary facilities, resources and culture to ensure that patients who are admitted to our hospital will only share accommodation with members of the same sex."

Amanda Pacey, Rheumatology General Manager and Head of Nursing says: "Providing single sex accommodation can make a big difference to the patient's experience of being in hospital, people want to be treated with dignity and respect. Our priority is to provide patient centred services and high standards of treatment in a clean, safe and welcoming environment and providing single sex accommodation is one of the ways we can do this."

Patients speak warmly of the care they have received at the 'Min' and we are pleased that we consistently score highly in surveys of patient satisfaction."

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Notes for Editors:

- The RNHRD NHS FT is a national specialist rehabilitation and rheumatology hospital based in Bath. Offering services to adults, children and young people, the trust has expertise in general and complex:
- Rheumatological and musculoskeletal conditions
- Neurological rehabilitation
- Chronic pain management
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME
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