



Delivering Same Sex Accommodation

Declaration of Compliance for Dorset Heart Clinic

The NHS Operating Framework 2011/12 requires all providers of NHS funded care to confirm whether they are compliant with the national definition *“to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation except where it is in the overall best interest of the patient or reflects their personal choice.”*

Dorset Heart Clinic is pleased to confirm that it is compliant with the government’s requirement to eliminate mixed sex accommodation. We have determined that we have the necessary facilities, resources and culture to ensure that patients who are admitted as a day case or overnight will only share with a person of the same sex. Sharing with a member of the opposite sex will only happen when there is an absolute clinical need pre or post operatively. We have ensured that toilet facilities are close to bed areas and ensure there is no need to move through areas where there are patients of the opposite sex. Our 4 private siderooms all have ensuite facilities allowing us a range of flexible patient stay options to ensure privacy and dignity.

We believe that every patient has the right to high quality care that is safe, effective and patient centred, respecting the individual’s right to privacy, dignity and independence. If our care falls short of the required standard we will report it. We will undertake monthly compliance audits to ensure we do not misclassify any of our reports.

Signed:

Date: 9th December 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Ohri", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Ohri
Chief Executive
Dorset Heart Clinic