

## Compliance Statement for Commissioners and Trust - Internet March 2012

### Declaration of compliance

Heart of England 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. We have the necessary facilities, resources and culture to ensure that patients who are admitted to our hospitals 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 only happen when clinically necessary (for example where patients need specialist equipment such as in Intensive Therapy Units, Coronary Care), or when patients actively choose to share (for instance renal dialysis units).

If our care should fall short of the required standard, we will report it. We will also set up an audit mechanism to make sure that we do not misclassify any of our reports. The Trust has robust audit systems which provide data on a monthly basis. This data encompasses patient views and experience as well as detail of any breaches that occur. This information is provided to commissioners and the Trust Board and is available to all via the Trusts Intranet. We are currently developing systems to ensure that information on all aspects of quality of care are displayed outside all ward areas for patients and visitors to view. Compliance with same sex accommodation standards is included in this information.