

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PAPER – COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date: 29 April 2009**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**Paper No: G**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION – ACTION PLAN</b>
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To present the Trust's action plan for raising standards of privacy and dignity in relation to mixed sex accommodation
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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>This Action Plan enables the delivery of improved gender segregation through the investment of new non-recurrent national funding.</p> <p>The main challenge is in the Emergency Assessment Unit which was previously excluded. These bays are now within the guidance.</p> <p>The plan delivers general improvements in toileting, bathroom and storage facilities on general wards.</p>
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	For approval
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<b>Prepared by:</b>	MARTIN SMITS Director of Nursing & Patient Services	<b>Presented by:</b>	MARTIN SMITS Director of Nursing & Patient Services
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**This report covers:** *(Please tick relevant box)*

Assurance Framework		Healthcare Standards: <i>Please specify which standard</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Business Planning		Local Delivery Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complaints		Performance Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance		Strategic Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation Trust		Financial implications	YES / <del>NO</del>
Other <i>(Please specify)</i>		Legal implications	<del>YES</del> / NO

**POOLE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**MIXED SEX ACCOMODATION**

**ACTION PLAN APRIL 2009 Version 1**

**AIM: - To raise standards of privacy and dignity in relation to mixed sex accommodation**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ACCOUNTABLE PERSON</b>	<b>TIMETABLE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>	<b>OUTCOME-EVIDENCE</b>
1. Emergency Assessment Unit. Create three single sex bays with the placement of patient according to gender managed by clinical staff.	Matron, Emergency Medicine	1 June 2009		1. Patient placement audits 2. Exception reports in patients notes 3. Reports to Clinical Governance Committee
2. Bathroom and toilet facilities to be improved in 12 wards. Utilisation of bathrooms to create new shower/toilet/storage facility.	Associate Director of Capital & Matrons in Surgery, Medicine and Medicine for the Elderly	30 June 2009		1.Environmental Audit results 2.Reports to Clinical Governance Committee
3. Educate and inform patients and members of the public about gender separation in emergency situations and in inpatient accommodation through: -literature -posters -admission information	Director of Nursing & Patient Services & Matrons	30 September 2009		1. Improvement in patient feedback through patient survey results and comments. 2. Vital Aspects of Care survey

ACTION	ACCOUNTABLE PERSON	TIMETABLE	PROGRESS	OUTCOME-EVIDENCE
4. Review and upgrade where necessary curtaining of bed spaces to ensure that privacy can be easily maintained by fully drawn curtains.	Hotel Services Manager	31 July 2009		1.Environmental Audit results
5. Review ward/departmental toilet and bathroom signage to include gender assignment.	Hotel Services Manager & Matrons	30 June 2009		1. Environmental Audit results 2. Matrons rounds

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**Version 1 01.04.09**

**Version 1 Agreed Board of Directors**