

The Farndon Unit

Acute service for women

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Overview

The Farndon Unit acute inpatient service for women specialises in the assessment, treatment, and stabilisation of individuals in crisis or suffering from significant mental health problems. The 18 bed service is set over two wards, Darcy and Ruby Frost.

The aim of the service is to provide a stabilising environment working with individuals in periods of crisis and acute phases of their mental illness in the least restrictive way.





The service is supported by a full Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) consisting of Consultant Psychiatrist, Registered Nurses, Healthcare Workers, Clinical Psychologist, Assistant Psychologist and Occupational Therapists, offering a recovery focused approach.

The team work in collaboration with patients to develop person-centred care plans on admission, with an ultimate aim of stabilisation and providing a pathway of care back to the community.

Admission criteria

- Women aged 18 and over
- Informal or detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 (amended 2007)
- Experiencing difficulties that present a risk to the wellbeing of themselves or others that cannot be treated in an open environment

Diagnoses may include:

- Acute mental illness
- Acute depressive illness
- Psychosis
- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar disorder
- Dual diagnosis
- Personality Disorder
- Patients may also present with substance misuse and self-harm issues



Referrals and enquiries

We accept referrals and admit from all areas, including A&E, section 136 suites, and other acute services. Referrals are accepted 24hrs a day, 365 days a year, with a turnaround time of 1 hour subject to suitable clinical information being provided.