

Where are they?

Our inpatient beds are currently located at Callington Road Hospital in Brislington and at Southmead hospital. The wards are mixed sex but have separate male and female bedroom corridors and lounges.

The psychiatric intensive care units (PICUs) are single sex single units at Callington Road Hospital.

We also have inpatient services for dementia sufferers at Callington Road Hospital.

For more information about the inpatient service

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Bristol's new mental health services together come under the banner of **Bristol Mental Health**. The services are provided by 18 NHS and voluntary organisations chosen because of their expertise and experience. A full list of the organisations is available on the website.

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What are inpatient services?

Most people with mental health problems can be supported in their own homes. For some people, the complexity and unpredictability of their condition means that they sometimes need specialist support within a hospital ward.

Inpatient services give the high quality, multi-skilled treatment they need. Inpatient services include acute inpatient wards and if more intensive care is needed there are psychiatric intensive care units (PICUs).

People who agree to come into hospital may be admitted as informal patients or a person can be detained under the Mental Health Act if they would come to harm without treatment happening in hospital.

Who do they help?

Our inpatient units support and give specialist treatment to people who have complex and unpredictable needs and who need to be cared for in hospital.

About 25% of people in our inpatient units are detained under the Mental Health Act but the rest of the patients in our wards are there because they have chosen to be.

We aim for people to stay in hospital for as short a time as possible and to be discharged back into the community with appropriate support.

How do they work?

We work with our colleagues in community services and in organisations across Bristol Mental Health to provide the best possible response.

Our aim is to ensure that every day someone has to spend in an inpatient unit makes a difference and that every intervention does likewise. Alongside dealing with mental health issues, our staff will support service users to improve their physical health.

For those admitted into hospital due to dementia, our commitment is

to work with the South West Hospital Standards for dementia.

We aim to ensure that our wards are staffed to provide care, support and appropriate interventions, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

We also aim to admit someone needing hospital care to a bed as close to where they live as possible. During their stay, inpatient staff work with the community teams to ensure a person is in hospital for the shortest length of time and that the treatment can continue in their home on discharge.