



SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Dementia In-patient Ward (G1)

G1 ward is a highly specialised ward for the assessment and treatment of people with severe dementia and associated challenging or highly distressing behaviour, often referred to as BPSD (behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia). The ward has up to 20 beds and is the only such ward in Sheffield.

Only the most complex and challenging patients are admitted if their care, assessment or treatment cannot be managed by any other service in any other facility. The ward has a multi-professional staff team to support the needs of this patient group. Most patients are admitted under the Mental Health Act.

The ward team follows National Guidelines in support people who present with distressed behaviour with dementia, in particular:

http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=609 and
<http://pathways.nice.org.uk/pathways/dementia>

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DIRECTORATE: Specialist Directorate

DATE: January 2015

1. ELIGIBILITY

The selection criteria for the above Service are applicable to:

- Sheffield residents with dementia (or suspected dementia) requiring assessment and treatment who are unable to receive care in their own home (including care home) due to their complex presentation.

2. THE REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals are made to the designated G1 Ward gatekeeper, in hours this is Dr Rusius, Responsible Medical Officer. Outside of normal working hours a nominated Consultant Psychiatrist provides gate keeping cover.

Referrals from primary care are made in the first to the Older Adults Community Mental Health Teams.

SHSC specialist services can refer directly to the gatekeeper.

3. GEOGRAPHICAL POPULATION COVERED

- The registered populations of NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group.