



**SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** Acute Older Adult In-patient Wards (Dovedale Wards 1 and 2)

Dovedale Wards are in-patient mental health assessment, treatment and rehabilitation wards for adults aged 65 years and over.

**ADDRESS:** Dovedale Ward 1, Michael Carlisle Centre, 75 Osborne Road, Sheffield S11 9BF  
Dovedale Ward 2, Michael Carlisle Centre, 75 Osborne Road, Sheffield S11 9BF

**DIRECTORATE:** In-patient Directorate

**DATE:** March 2014

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## 1. ELIGIBILITY

The selection criteria for the above Service are applicable to the following and admission will be considered if the service user is:

- 65 years of age and over, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, culture or physical disabilities; **and**
- considered to be experiencing a psychiatric disorder that requires care, treatment or further assessment; **or**
- requiring a period of assessment to establish the presence or nature of a psychiatric disorder; **and**
- the risks posed and the level of support required are such that the service user requires 24 hour care that cannot be provided in the home environment via home treatment; **and**
- admission is the safest and least restrictive option available;
- This may include people in the acute phase of a severe mental illness such as schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder or severe depressive order and for those with a dual diagnosis of severe mental illness and drug/alcohol, or learning disability, or people with personality disorder and acute mental health needs.

Service users may be admitted voluntarily or detained under the Mental Health Act (sections 2, 3, 4, 5(2)) or Community Treatment Order (CTO). Service users with a forensic history or involvement should not be excluded as long as the Acute Ward provides the most appropriate environment for their care.

## 2. THE REFERRAL PROCESS

Referrals are accepted via the Community Mental Health Teams. Referrals are also accepted from the Adult Liaison Psychiatry Service and the Older Adult Liaison Psychiatry Service. Emergency referrals are considered from the on-call registrar under the guidance of the on-call duty psychiatric consultant.

## 3. GEOGRAPHICAL POPULATION COVERED

- The registered populations of NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group;
- People without settled accommodation who are resident in Sheffield.