**TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC**

29th May 2024

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| **Title:** | **Eliminating Mixed Sex Accommodation (EMSA) / Delivering Same Sex Accommodation (DSSA) – Annual Statement** |
| **Responsible Director:** | Emma Nunez, Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs and Deputy Chief Executive |
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| **Purpose of the report and summary of key issues:** | The report provides the Trust Board with the annual declaration on Eliminating Mixed Sex Accommodation (EMSA). The declaration confirms that there have been no breaches during 2023-2024. | |
| **Trust Strategy and Strategic Ambitions:** | **The Patient and Child First**  Improving the health and wellbeing of our patients, children and communities | |
| Best Quality, Safest Care | x |
| Person Centred, Integrated Care; Strong Partnerships | x |
| Great Start in Life |  |
| At Our Best: Making HDFT the best place to work |  |
| An environment that promotes wellbeing |  |
| Digital transformation to integrate care and improve patient, child and staff experience |  |
| Healthcare innovation to improve quality |  |
| **Corporate Risks:** | No Corporate Risk associated with this paper | |
| **Report History:** | The Board reviews and receives this annual declaration each May.  The report was also received for assurance at the Quality Committee on 29th May 2024. | |
| **Recommendation:** | The Board is asked to approve the annual declaration. | |

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| **Freedom of Information:** | Available once published as part of Trust Board in Public papers. |

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Operating Framework 2011-12 made it clear that NHS organisations are expected to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation, except where it is in the overall best interest of the patient, or reflects their personal choice. During 2023-24 there have been no reported breaches at the organisation.

**2.0 ANNUAL DECLARATION**

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT) can confirm that the organisation is compliant with the government’s requirement “to eliminate mixed sex accommodation except where it is in the overall best interest of the patient, or reflects the patient’s choice”.

HDFT has the necessary facilities, resources and culture to ensure that patients who are admitted to our organisation are treated with respect and dignity and that the EMSA is adhered to.

Evidence of compliance includes reports of any and all breaches via the organisation’s incident reporting system and is monitored through the Quality Report submitted to our operational Quality Governance Management Group and to our strategic, sub-committee of the Trust Board the Quality Committee.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Trust Board is requested to note and approve the statement as outlined at Section 2.0 of this report. Following which the statement will be placed on the Trust website.

**Emma Nunez**

**Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs**

**Deputy Chief Executive**

**Kate Southgate**

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