



St John's
House
Suffolk

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Medium Secure Learning Disability Services for Men and Women



Based near the town of Diss on the borders of Norfolk/Suffolk, St John's House offers 32 beds within a new, purpose built, medium secure setting.

St John's House is at the centre of the Partnerships in Care (PiC) learning disability services, which together form an 87 bedded service for people with learning or other developmental disabilities and behavioural problems.

Patient group

The unit admits men and women aged 18 to 70 years with learning or other developmental disabilities who are liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act.

A substantial proportion of those admitted will have, in addition to their learning disability, co-morbidities like mental illnesses, autistic spectrum, other developmental disorders, personality disorders and substance misuse.

Accommodation is provided in single-sex living areas, with on-site recreation facilities that meet the Department of Health standards for medium secure units.



Treatment and Care Pathway

Patients have an active involvement in the treatment process and are assessed for multi-axial diagnosis, psychological formulation and risk. Their progress is monitored through regular Care Programme Approach (CPA) reviews.

Care is provided by an experienced multidisciplinary team including specialist nurses, consultant psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational therapists, teachers, social workers, speech and language therapists and technical instructors.

We offer specialist intervention programmes for offending and other behavioural problems.

Working with other services on site, as well as our sister units, St John's House offers low secure units, pre-rehabilitation wards and community based rehabilitation units. Semi-independent flats are also being developed on site.

We place emphasis on educational and vocational rehabilitation with a focus on seeking outside work settings for patients.

Evidence based practice

St John's House offers a round the year staff training calendar using nationally recognised programmes. PiC has accreditation with the British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD) for the induction programme and the prevention and management of violence training programme.

We have a culture of research and audit activities with a good record of peer reviewed publications, particularly in the areas of personality disorders, psychological treatment programmes and treatment outcomes.

We carry out systematic audits to look at both process and long-term outcomes of treatments.

Further information and referrals

Referrals are accepted from high-secure hospitals, medium or low-secure services, acute psychiatric services, courts, prisons and MAPPA Panels. We also accommodate emergency admissions.

For further information or to make a referral, please contact:
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