

Specialist PICU Service for Women

Pippin Ward
Cygnets Appletree, County Durham

Accepting referrals



Pippin Ward is our 10 bed female PICU service at Cygnets Appletree and will accept emergency and crisis admissions. The service accepts referrals from all areas, including acute and prison services. Our aim is a short, rapid intervention to help service users regain a sense of control and order in their lives, so they can move to a less restrictive care setting and ultimately return home.

The service provides expert, intensive, short-term, individualised care for service users detained under the Mental Health Act. Service users will present with increased risks that require them to be assessed and treated in a PICU environment.



Female



18+ years



10 beds

Our service user profile:

- > Women, aged 18+ years
- > Detained under the Mental Health Act
- > Experiencing difficulties that present a risk to the well-being of themselves or others that cannot be treated in an open environment
- > Diagnoses may include:
 - Acute mental illness
 - Schizophrenia
 - Acute depressive illness
 - Bi-polar disorder
 - Psychosis
 - Personality disorder
 - Dual diagnosis
- > May present with co-morbid presentations:
 - Self-harm
 - Substance misuse issues
 - Complex needs



Where are we?

Cygnets Appletree
 Frederick Street, Meadowfield,
 County Durham, DH7 8NT

Phone number
 0191 378 2747



We are able to take referrals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To make a referral, please call **0808 164 4450** or email chcl.referrals@nhs.net. We will respond within 1 hour of receipt of full clinical information.

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Referral made to Cygnets referrals team via **0808 164 4450 / chcl.referrals@nhs.net**

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Feedback provided on whether our services can meet the service user's needs within 1 hour of receipt of full clinical information

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Admission agreed and arranged with referring team following confirmation of funding