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New Mental Health Ward for Young Girls Opens in Coventry

A new ward has officially opened at a Coventry service which supports young girls who are struggling with their mental health.

Faun Ward, at Joyce Parker Hospital, is an 8-bed extension to the existing hospital on Lansdowne Street, Coventry and is a Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit for girls aged 12-18 who have a severe mental illness. It is run by Cygnet Health Care, one of the largest independent UK providers of mental health services in the UK.

Hospital Director, Sunita Heeley said the focus on Faun Ward is on stabilisation with a view on enabling transition to a general acute ward or back into the care of community services. The new beds are already occupied, supporting young girls with their mental health.

She added: *“The service is able to provide robust care and support for young people displaying significant levels of challenging behaviour.*

“It is our priority to ensure those young people suffering with their mental health get the very best support they need. I am so pleased the ward is now open and we are able to make a positive difference to more young girls.”

Faun Ward has full Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) input including a specialist doctor, psychologist, social worker, occupational therapist, ward manager, consultant psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, speech and language therapist, clinical team leaders, registered therapists, nurses, healthcare assistants, social workers and educational support from full-time teachers and educational support staff.

Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnet Health Care, explained: *“The new ward at Joyce Parker will complement the range of mental health services we already deliver for young people and we are delighted that we will soon be able to support more children and young people who need our help.”*

The impact of the Covid pandemic has seen a rise in the number of people suffering with their mental health and it is expected there will be high demand for the services offered at Faun Ward.

Dr Romero added: *“We know that the pandemic has had a huge impact on people’s mental health and it is anticipated that an extra 500,000 people across the UK will experience mental health difficulties because of Covid-19. With that increase in need for specialist mental health services, we want to be part of the solution and work together with the NHS to provide the best treatment and facilities to help young people on their recovery journey.*

“The new ward will ensure more young patients can receive the treatment and care they need close to family and friends which is so important in aiding their recovery.”

Cygnets Joyner Parker Hospital is a state-of-the-art Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) hospital in Coventry. The service supports young people aged between 12 and 18 with mental health needs in low secure, psychiatric intensive care and acute environments. The aim of the service is to help young people stabilise and return home as soon as possible.

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Notes to Editors

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About Cygnets Health Care

Cygnets Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnets Health Care’s pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

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