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Cygnnet Hospital Bierley Opens New Ward

A new ward has officially opened at a Bradford-based hospital which will support women who are struggling with their mental health.

Blossom Ward, at Cygnnet Hospital Bierley, is a new 15-bed acute mental health service for women and was officially opened on Wednesday 1 February. It will provide a safe and stabilising environment for women who are experiencing an acute episode of mental illness and require an emergency admission.

Kate Gorse-Brightmore, Hospital Manager, said: "The ethos of the service is about assessing and treating service users in the least restrictive environment and planning for discharge in a robust and timely fashion."

Cygnnet Hospital Bierley, on Bierley Lane, Bradford, is run by Cygnnet Health Care and provides a range of acute and low secure mental health services for men and women. With a focus on stabilisation, the Blossom Ward team will support service users to manage their mental health, reinforce daily living skills and prepare for independent life back in the community.

Blossom Ward is the first of two new acute mental health services to open at Cygnnet Hospital Bierley. The hospital will also be opening a new acute mental health service for men, Lister Ward, in May 2023.

Kate added: "At Cygnnet we are committed to offering specialist services that meet individual needs. Blossom Ward will provide much-needed care for the rising number of women in need of emergency mental health support and we remain committed to working in partnership with the NHS and other local agencies to help meet that need through the provision of person-centred care."

Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnnet Health Care, said: "The new ward at Cygnnet Hospital Bierley will complement the range of mental health services we already deliver and we are delighted that we are able to support more women who need our help.

"With the recent 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 people on their recovery journey."

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About Cygnet Health Care

Cygnet 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.

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

As one of the best quality providers in mental health services in the country, Cygnet Health Care's focus is always on the best outcomes for those who use or commission its services. 85% of Cygnet's facilities are rated as good or outstanding, which is above the national average.

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