**Press Release**

**For Immediate Release**

### Cygnet Hospital Woking opens new acute service for women

A new hospital ward which will provide emergency support for women with mental health issues was officially opened by the Mayor of Woking.

Cygnet Hospital Woking on Redding Way, Knaphill, is run by leading health and social care company Cygnet Health Care and provides a range of mental health services for both men and women.

Last month the hospital team welcomed Cllr Saj Hussain, the Mayor of Woking, to officially open Kahlo Ward, the hospital's new acute service for women. In keeping with the artist themed name of the hospital's Picasso Ward, Kahlo Ward is named after the famous Mexican painter Frida Kahlo.

Cllr Hussain led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new ward and was later given a full tour of the 62-bed hospital, which was recently upgraded to "Good" by the Care Quality Commission.

He said: *"I am grateful for the facilities provided at Cygnet Hospital Woking for our community. The hospital is very much part of the Knaphill community and I welcome the opening of this new Ward. I wish you well for the future and thank you for the support you provide."*

Kahlo Ward will provide a safe and stabilising environment for women who are experiencing an acute episode of mental illness and require an emergency admission.

Carla Roadnight, Hospital Manager, explained: *"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.*

*"With a focus on stabilisation, the ward team will support service users to manage their mental health, reinforce daily living skills and prepare for independent life back in the community.*

*"It 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 to help meet that need through the provision of person-centred care."*

Ends

**Notes to Editors:**
For more information, please contact Gemma Attew, External Communications
Manager, on gemmaattew@cygnethealth.co.uk or 07718 244811.


**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.

www.cygnethealth.co.uk