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Acute Service for Men

Victoria Ward. Cygnet Victoria House, **Darlington**

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Victoria Ward is our 17 bed male acute service. The service provides a safe and stabilising environment for men who are experiencing an acute episode of mental illness and require an emergency admission.

The ethos of our 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, we will support service users to manage their mental health, reinforce daily living skills and prepare for independent life back in the community.

Our team works closely and collaboratively with service users, their families and the referrer to provide a seamless pathway from referral to discharge. Our approach is recovery focused and supported by comprehensive multi-disciplinary teams, contributing to shorter lengths of stay.

I would like to thank the staff for all their support whilst being in hospital, I have felt listened to and included.





Male

18+ years



17 beds

Our service user profile:

- Men, aged 18+ years
- May be informal or detained under the Mental Health Act
- > Experiencing an acute episode of mental illness requiring a crisis admission
- > Diagnoses may include:
 - Acute mental illness
 - Acute depressive illness
 - **Psychosis**
- Schizophrenia
- Bi-polar disorder
- Personality disorder
- Dual diagnosis
- > May present with co-morbid presentations:
 - Self-harm
 - Substance misuse issues
- Complex needs

Auckland

Shildon New Aycliffe

Barmpton



Referral made to Cygnet bed hub via

For All PICU and **Acute Referrals** (Adults and CAMHS)

0808 164 4450 chcl.referrals@nhs.net

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

Admission agreed and arranged with referring 3 team following confirmation of funding

Where are we?

Cyanet Victoria House Barton Street, Darlington, County Durham DL1 2LN

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