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## **Cygnet Hospital Kidsgrove Celebrates First Year Supporting Women's Mental Health Recovery**

A year after officially opening its doors, Cygnet Hospital Kidsgrove is celebrating a successful first year of providing specialist mental health care for women in Stoke-on-Trent and the wider West Midlands region.

Located on Boathouse Road, the 31-bed hospital was opened to help women receive emergency mental health support and specialist rehabilitation closer to home, while also creating 105 jobs for local people.

The hospital was officially opened on Tuesday 29 April 2025 by Cygnet Health Care CEO Stephen Finn, Hospital Manager Wiston Magunda, Expert by Experience Venus Lamey and Kidsgrove Town Mayor Cllr Kevin Johnson.

Over the past 12 months, the service has supported more than 140 women on their recovery journeys across its two wards; Crocus Ward, an acute admissions service, and Burleigh Ward, a highly specialised Personality Disorder service.

Cygnet Hospital Kidsgrove has already achieved strong outcomes for the women in its care. On Crocus Ward, women stayed an average of 27 days, with 93% of women discharged able to step down to a similar or less restrictive service, supporting their continued recovery in the least restrictive environment possible.

One former service user praised the support they received, saying: "This hospital and its excellent staff on the Crocus Ward have helped me to recover from a severe bout of depression and suicidality.

"I've felt like I've been heard in the last six weeks and am now finally being properly medicated and treated for my condition. The doctors and support staff are so caring and I am grateful for everything they have done for me."

From the outset, Cygnet's in-house interior design team worked closely with existing service users, Experts by Experience (EbyEs) and carers, who helped shape decisions around artwork, furniture, flooring, wallpaper and soft furnishings to ensure the environment was state-of-the-art.

Hospital Manager Wiston Magunda said: "Reaching our first anniversary at Cygnet Hospital Kidsgrove is a proud moment for everyone here. Over the past year, we have supported more than 140 women, many of whom arrived at our doors during some of the most difficult and distressing periods of their lives. Seeing women regain hope, rebuild confidence and take positive steps forward in their recovery has been truly inspiring for our team.

"What makes this milestone so meaningful is not just the number of women we have cared for, but the real outcomes behind those figures. Every woman's journey is unique, and it is a privilege to play a part in helping them improve their lives and rediscover stability and optimism for the future.

"Our staff bring compassion, dedication and expertise to the hospital every single day, creating an environment where recovery can genuinely happen. We remain committed to continuing to provide life-changing care and supporting even more women to achieve positive outcomes in the years ahead."

The opening of the hospital also marked a major investment in the local area, creating 105 jobs across clinical, nursing and administrative roles.