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Cygnets Kenney House marks one year of supporting women's mental health in Oldham

More than 100 women have received specialist mental health support at Cygnets Kenney House since the Oldham hospital opened its doors one year ago.

The 44-bed mental health hospital, based on Wester Hill Road in Fitton Hill, was opened to provide women from the North West with access to high-quality care closer to home and nearer to their support networks wherever possible.

Over the past 12 months, the service has supported women across its three wards; Billington Ward, a Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Baldock Ward, an acute service, and Harben Ward, a mental health rehabilitation and recovery service.

Hospital Manager Jenny Healey praised the dedication of staff as the hospital celebrates its first anniversary.

She said: "It's been a full and exciting year, and I'm genuinely proud of every member of our team. The way everyone comes together, day after day, continues to strengthen the quality of care and service we provide."

Since opening, women staying on Billington Ward have spent an average of 41 days on the PICU before progressing in their recovery journey.

Meanwhile, 95% of women supported on Baldock Ward were successfully discharged to a similar or less restrictive setting, highlighting the positive outcomes being achieved across the service.

Feedback from women using the service has also reflected the impact the hospital has made during its first year.

One former service user said: "The staff are supporting, caring, uplifting, encouraging and always took time to listen. I felt safe throughout my stay and the care was effective for my needs."

Another woman who received support on Baldock Ward said: "Thank you for your compassionate care. This is an excellent service and has greatly increased my confidence. I am grateful for your knowledge and expert advice in a fun and friendly manner with delightful smiles."

A service user on Harben Ward added: "The manager is amazing. She's very approachable, always gets involved in activities and is very positive. She gets the things you're going through and will always try to understand what's going on. She's the best manager I've ever encountered on a hospital ward."

When the hospital opened in 2025 it brought 135 new jobs to the Greater Manchester area, with nearly two-thirds of staff recruited from the local Oldham community.

The hospital was developed to help meet increasing demand for specialist women's mental health services in the North West while reducing the need for women to travel far from home for treatment.

Jenny added: "Over the last year we have seen so many examples of strength, resilience and recovery from the women in our care. We remain committed to providing a safe, therapeutic and compassionate environment where every woman feels supported to move forward positively in her recovery journey."