



# Single Sex Accommodation

## making your stay comfortable

### **Privacy, dignity and respect**

We believe that all patients have a right to be treated with dignity and respect. Our patients can be confident that their rights will be recognised and respected by all staff involved in their care, regardless of their age, disability, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

### **Same-sex accommodation**

Our policy is that patients should not normally have to share sleeping accommodation or sanitary facilities with members of the opposite sex. This applies to all areas of our hospitals.

### **What is same-sex accommodation?**

For a hospital to say that it has same-sex accommodation, it must provide sleeping areas, toilet and washing facilities that are for men or women only. This will mean different things in different parts of our hospitals. You could be in a ward, where men and women are in separate bays or rooms, in a single room, or, in a same-sex ward, where the whole ward is occupied by either men or women only.

Alteration to eliminate mixed sex accommodation has started at Heartlands and will continue until March 2010. If you do have a concern regarding your accommodation, please inform the staff who will try to find a solution.