

Admission Criteria for Direct Admission to Gloucestershire Community Hospitals

For residents of Gloucestershire who are registered with a Gloucestershire GP

All patients should have a planned discharge strategy with a maximum length of stay of 21days.

Patients who require 24 hour nursing care or medical input:

- that exceed the provision available within the community teams and community wards;
- who do not require the specialised care or investigations provided by the acute trusts;
- who require basic medical interventions that can be safely and effectively provided at a community hospital;
- with an acute exacerbation of a long term condition that can be safely and effectively managed in a Community Hospital;
- who have a reduction in their level of functional independence due to an acute episode of illness, where a short spell of medical, nursing and therapy input would reinstate their previous level of functional independence.

Palliative Care

Patients requiring palliative or end of life care, who are within a short time of the end of life, should normally be treated in facilities designed for that purpose. However, it is recognised that there is a role for the community hospital to provide a facility if other placements are not available to prevent acute hospital admission.

Exclusion Criteria

Patients who are younger than 18;

Patients who do not have a clear discharge plan or exit strategy;

Patients who have life threatening or acute newly diagnosed illnesses that require specialised medical care and investigation that is only available in the acute trusts;

Patients who are unable to cope at home, but who do not have acute medical problems that need to be managed or investigated;

Patients who require interim care or are waiting for social service placement into long term care;

Patients with acute mental health needs who cannot be cared for safely in the community hospital environment and who may require specialised input;

Patients who have been identified as unlikely to benefit from a hospital admission.

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