

Site Visits and learning from others

The information below summarises learning from other trusts as part of the transformation programme. The programme team visited and met with a range of other providers that had established a specialist dementia unit model and explored a range of features in the models including layout and staffing.

A summary of the wards is below. More detail can be made available on request.

TEWV Dementia Unit – Middlesbrough August 2016

TEWV have a 16-bed ward, at Roseberry Park in Middlesbrough, specifically designed for patients with dementia. It acts as a dementia unit for people in Middlesbrough and also surrounding localities including Stockton on Tees, Hartlepool and Cleveland and Redcar. It is adjoined to a 16-bed functional unit with a flex door and 4 flex beds in between the units to increase / decrease capacity as needed.

The unit has a dedicated psychology lead and focusses on a person-centred pathway through their in-patient journey, and the ward adopts a person-centred care approach which firmly places the person, not the dementia, at the centre of care and involves making and taking time to understand the needs and feelings/emotions of people with dementia.

Sheffield Dementia Unit Visit May 2017

Sheffield previously had 3 dementia units and they created a Dementia Rapid response team which enabled a reduction over time to a single 16 bed dementia unit (though the facility still has 20 beds).

The sites cater for people with high needs behaviours – up to a PICU level of care and early onset dementia is in scope.

The Trust have built some flats on the site, created an intensive area and have a seclusion room. Not all bedrooms were en-suite at the time of the visit.

Lancashire Care Trust June 2018

Lancashire Care Trust has a Dementia ward operates out of The Harbour, which has 10 wards in total (4 older adult wards) also provides an older people's functional ward and working aged adult wards.

The site 30 dementia beds in total for the Trust. 1 Male and 1 Female with 15 beds in each. Swing beds are in middle create 2 more beds if needed for each gender (so mix could be 17/13). All rooms are en-suite.

Bradford District Care Trust (BDCT) December 2021

Bradford has Modern and spacious specialist dementia unit. It is the ground floor of a 2-story building that was fully refurbished about 8 years prior.

It has wide corridors and figure of 8 design. Bedrooms are all e/s with toilet and sink.

The ward has 22 beds in total but in recent years the Trust has operated at considerably lower occupancy levels.

Audit of Trusts websites

The table below summarises an audit of other Trusts in terms of how the mental health inpatient model is described from a desktop audit of each website. Most recent review in April 2023:

Trust	Separate Functional and Dementia wards	Blended approach (separate F and D wards but also has mixed ward(s))	Mixed (functional and dementia wards)	No older people's inpatient wards or unclear on mix
Avon & Wiltshire MH Partnership	✓			
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey		✓		
Berkshire Healthcare trust	✓			
Bexley Health Ltd				✓
Birmingham & Solihull			✓	
Black Country Partnership				✓
Bradford District NHS	✓			
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	✓			
Camden & Islington	✓			
Care UK				✓
Central & NW London		✓		
Cheshire & Wirral Partnership	✓			
City healthcare Partnership				✓
Cornwall Partnership				✓
Cumbria , Northumberland Tyne and Wear Partnership	✓			
Cygnets Healthcare	✓			
Derbyshire Healthcare	✓			
Devon Partnership	✓			
Dorking Healthcare Partnership				✓
Dorset healthcare University	✓			
Dudley & Walsall				✓

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East London		✓		
Gloucestershire health & care NHS				✓
Greater Manchester		✓		
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health care	✓			
Hertfordshire Partnership University				✓
Humber NHS	✓			
Kent & Medway			✓	
Lancashire Care	✓			
Leeds & York Partnership	✓			
Leicestershire Partnership	✓			
Lincolnshire Partnership	✓			
Manchester Mental Health part of Greater Manchester		✓		
Mersey Care NHS	✓			
Navigo			✓	
Norfolk and Suffolk		✓		
North East London				✓
North Essex Partnership				✓
North Staffordshire Combined healthcare		✓		
Northamptonshire Healthcare				✓
Northumberland, Tyne and Wear now Cumbria Tyne and Wear	✓			
Nottinghamshire Healthcare				✓
Oxford Health			✓	

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Oxleas NHS		✓		
Partnerships in Care				✓
Pennine Care NHS	✓			
Plymouth Community				✓
Priory Group Ltd				✓
RDaSH		✓		
Sheffield Health & Social Care	✓			
Solent NHS				✓
Somerset Partnership	✓			
South Essex Partnership				✓
SLaM	✓			
Southern Health		✓		
Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent				✓
Surrey and Borders Partnership				✓
Sussex Partnership				✓
Tavistock and Portman				✓
TEWV				✓
The Huntercombe Group – (care homes)				✓
The Retreat hospital				✓
Trent Pts				✓
West London MH				✓
TOTAL	23	10	4	27