

**BLOOMFIELD CARE CENTRE  
STOCKING LANE, RATHFARNHAM, D.16**

**POLICY STATEMENT: ADMISSIONS POLICY  
BLOOMFIELD APPROVED MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE**

This Admissions Policy is developed in accordance with the objective of Bloomfield Care Centre, which is to provide tender person-centred quality care to frail, elderly and those with dementia and related conditions, and to foster research and training in an environment of excellence.

Purpose: To provide guidelines to clinical/management personnel in relation to the admission of patients to Bloomfield Care Centre's Approved Mental Health Centre, "Bloomfield Hospital"

**Primary Responsibility: Clinical/Management Personnel**

**POLICY**

1. Referrals for admission of patients to Bloomfield Hospital should have a prior assessment in their own home or current placement, conducted by the mental health service responsible for their care. This will then be followed by an assessment by nursing/clinical personnel from Bloomfield Hospital.
2. Criteria for admission of patients to Bloomfield Hospital are based on the holistic needs of the patient i.e. physical care needs, mental health needs, emotional and spiritual needs.
3. Admission of patients to Bloomfield Hospital will be by prior agreement with the appropriate referring Consultant Psychiatrist and Bloomfield Hospital's Clinical Director or designee.
4. Bloomfield Hospital may arrange for admission of a patient on a trial basis to ascertain if the service is appropriate to the patient's needs. This will be arranged on the understanding that the referring agency will be responsible for the patient's care should such a trial period not prove successful.

5. Bloomfield Hospital caters primarily for patients with the following needs:
  - Dementia with complex needs which may include challenging behaviour which cannot be managed at home or in other long-stay facilities such as nursing homes
  - Serious and enduring mental illness which cannot be managed at home or in other long-stay placements such as nursing homes
6. Admissions to Bloomfield Hospital will be in carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Mental Health Acts.