

Inpatient Dementia Services in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust - the proposed future service model would see the creation of a specialist inpatient dementia unit within the Bluestone Mental Health unit on the Craigavon Area Hospital site.

The Southern Trust had a stand-alone inpatient dementia assessment and treatment unit on the Gillis Ward, St Luke's Hospital, Armagh. In May 2022, patients in Gillis Ward were relocated to Willows ward, Bluestone Unit, Craigavon Area Hospital as an interim contingency arrangement to ensure patient safety and quality of care when dedicated Consultant Psychiatry cover could not be secured.

We wish to advise that the public consultation will close on 23rd December 2022.

It is only after this period of public consultation that a decision will be made by Trust Board.

Documents relating to the consultation can be accessed from the Trust website:

<https://southerntrust.hscni.net/involving-you/consultations/>

These papers outline the background to this consultation, and why it is important that we engage with our community on how this service will be provided in the future.

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