



Highclere Ward

Specialist Older Age Low Secure Service – Highclere Ward at Thornford Park Hospital

Highclere is a 17 bedded male ward, which offers care and treatment to elderly (over 65+) and physically frail Service Users in conditions of low security who are high profile and have committed serious offences and are still deemed a high risk to themselves and the public.

What we do on Highclere Ward:

Our staff are trained to the highest level to monitor and manage Service Users' physical health needs including wound management and falls management. Staff are trained in ILS (Intermediate Life Support) and the ward has RGN's and a trained OT who specialises in mobility assessments. Our dedicated Physical Health Coordinator (who is an RGN) also gives regular input into the ward.

Our comprehensive risk assessments cover Service Users' mental state, skin condition, oral hygiene, continence, moving and handling and nutrition. Nationally recognised assessment tools are used such as the malnutrition universal screening tool which is a five step screening tool to identify adults who are malnourished, at risk of malnutrition or obese. The Waterlow score is also used which provides an estimated risk for pressure sores. Every Service User has a specific primary nurse and associate primary nurse. There are also two GP clinics per week at Thornford Park.

Dr Rao Nimmagadda, Medical Director & Consultant Psychiatrist at Thornford Park, said:

***“Highclere provides an important service for older people who are physically frail but still deemed high risk.*”**

***Together with the well-established Multi-Disciplinary Team, I am proud of the work we do with this relatively small, but generally vulnerable group of Service Users catering to their needs and on occasions till the end of their lives.”*”**

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