

## Teddington Memorial Hospital Admission Criteria

The inpatient unit at Teddington Memorial Hospital has 29 beds. The criteria for admission is as detailed below:

- 1. Patients Must be registered with a Richmond GP**
- 2. Aged 18 yrs or over**
- 3. Must be medically stable enough to be managed in a community setting**

### **Sub-acute beds**

#### **i. intravenous therapy; complex wound therapy**

- Patients with conditions which can be safely managed in a community hospital, e.g. urinary tract infections & chest infections, and severe tissue viability that cannot be managed at home
- Patients with a need for a suitable environment for assessment, observation and levels of nursing & therapy care that is over and above that offered by community nursing and therapy teams that does not require an acute medical setting

### **Rehabilitation beds**

- Patients with long term conditions or post-operative who are able to engage adequately in core elements of a rehabilitation programme. This may include patients requiring double handed care where their rehabilitation goal is to move quickly to single handed care to enable a patient to return home.
- Patients not currently living with a psychiatric illness requiring professional mental health supervision or assessment
- Patients who have clear goals that can be determined on multi-disciplinary assessment and will tangibly benefit from rehabilitation
- Intervention is time limited and length of stay is expected to be less than 21 days
- Patients must have agreed rehabilitation goals and a discharge plan in place and also agreed by the patient

### **Palliative and End of Life care**

- Patients with life limiting chronic illness who are able to benefit from symptom relief strategy
- Intervention is time limited with the aim of getting the patient to their preferred place of care.

### **Who can Refer**

- Community Services – Community Matrons, District Nurses, Community Therapy staff (OT and PT), Specialist Nurses, and RRRT
- General Practitioners
- A&E, AAU and local acute hospitals

The patients are cared for by the ward nursing and therapy staff and the patient's GP. There are strong working links with other agencies such as social services, RRRT, district nursing service, Community Matron's, Princess Alice Hospice and the voluntary sector.

The unit does not provide care for patients whose primary problem is mental health.



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