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### **LPT to launch regional psychiatric intensive care unit for women**



A new mental health inpatient service, providing specialist psychiatric intensive care for women with complex and urgent mental health needs, will be launched by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) this Autumn.

The service has been commissioned by East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and will serve not just Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland but also provide more easily accessible beds for women from Lincolnshire and Derbyshire under an agreement with CCGs there.

The psychiatric intensive care unit (PICU) will be based in the six-bedded Griffin Ward, at the Herschel Prins Centre (above) , on the Glenfield Hospital site, close to the Belvoir Unit where LPT already provides psychiatric intensive care for men.

Last year the ward underwent extensive refurbishment to further improve the environment, safety and security. Care will be provided by a multi-disciplinary team of nursing and medical staff, occupational therapy and psychology staff.

Dr John Devapriam (pictured), clinical director of LPT's adult mental health and learning disability services, said: "We are very pleased about the commissioning and provision of female PICU beds locally for women from Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland with acute and complex mental health needs.



"It means that women will have timely access to PICU services and their hospital stay is likely to be shorter because they will be able to maintain close contact with community services and their friends and family, which means better continuity of care.

"This is part of a wider transformation programme to improve pathways of care as under the Better Care Together programme."

Jim Bosworth, associate director of commissioning and contracting for mental health services at East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group, added: "We are delighted that Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust can now resume provision of this service as it will improve the continuity of care for local people."

It is anticipated the new service will be launched by late Autumn.

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. **Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT)** provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk)

2. **Raising Health** is our registered charity (number 1057361) which raises funds to support LPT's excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision, to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff. [www.raisinghealth.org.uk](http://www.raisinghealth.org.uk)

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