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LPT’s Agnes Unit has quality stamp from Royal College

The Agnes Unit, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust’s specialist inpatient unit for people with learning disabilities, has had its third successive quality stamp of approval from the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The unit, on Anstey Lane in Leicestershire, has been re-accredited by the College for a further two years.

This follows a stringent independent assessment by external reviewers under its Accreditation for Inpatient Mental Health Services (AIMS) programme.

Their comprehensive review of the quality of the unit’s inpatient services included interviews with staff, patients and their carers.

Accreditation by the College provides assurance for patients, carers, staff, commissioners, regulators and the wider public about the quality of inpatient services for adults who have both learning disabilities and mental health needs.

It also supports the service to make further improvements to the quality of care at the Agnes Unit.

Teresa Smith, director of adult mental health and learning disabilities for LPT said: “We are proud of this outcome for the Agnes Unit as the review highlighted the proactive, enthusiastic and respectful nature of the staff to patients and carers. There was a clear safeguarding process and response and a great knowledge of policies and procedures”

The Agnes Unit provides specialist inpatient care for up to 16 adults with learning disabilities whose mental health or behaviour cannot be supported safely in the community.

The unit is made up of four four-bedded areas and provides both short-term admissions for assessment and treatment or crisis care, and longer term care to support patients to be able to live safely in the community again.
Care at the Agnes Unit is person centred and supported by members of a multi-disciplinary team.

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NOTES TO EDITORS
1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and. Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff.
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