

Nursing staff uniforms

Request and Response

I am interested in writing a paper looking at the recent increase in the use of nursing uniforms in mental health units across England. I was wondering whether you could inform me via email whether mental health nurses wear uniforms in your trust and whether there are any exemptions to this (e.g. only on older adult wards). I'd only use the data for statistical purposes and would not name any individual trusts. I'd plan on submitting the paper for publication in a mental health nursing journal.

OUR RESPONSE: Most of the Trusts nursing staff do wear uniforms, with the exception of Adult Eating Disorder Nursing Staff and Community Mental Health Nursing staff. For staff who do not wear a uniform, it is felt this promotes a more therapeutic relationship with their patients.