

Borders NHS Board



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NAME CHANGE FOR MELBURN WARD	
Purpose of Report:	
The purpose of this report is to request to change the name of Melburn ward to Borders Specialist Dementia Unit.	
Recommendations:	
Under the current governance arrangements the Board is asked to ratify the decision of the Board Executive Team to approve the name change of Melburn Ward to Borders Specialist Dementia Unit.	
Approval Pathways:	
This report has been endorsed by the Mental Health operational groups and Board Executive Team.	
Executive Summary:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2019 NHS Borders redesigned the older adult inpatient service, this was as a result of recommendations made in a report published June 2018 entitled “Transforming specialist dementia hospital care”. • The above report was commissioned by the Scottish Government to investigate specialist dementia hospital care, which gave recommendations for service modernisation. NHS Borders reduced the number of older adult dementia inpatient beds within Cauldshiels and all inpatient activity was transferred to Melburn Lodge. • Melburn Lodge was originally a 12 bedded unit designed to support specialist NHS dementia care to patients, a patient group that was unable to be supported within mainstream nursing care due to stress, distress, agitation and behaviours associated with agitation and aggression. • The redesign of inpatient services merged the two staff groups together (Melburn Lodge and Cauldshiels) and two patient groups (assessment, long term care and treatment) supported in the same unit. • Historically Melburn Lodge has been associated with a particular challenging patient group, therefore making discharges into mainstream nursing and residential care difficult as care home managers and owners felt they are unable to safely manage their needs. • The current name of the ward suggests that the criteria for Melburn is unchanged which will create barriers when attempting to discharge from the ward into 24 hour care. 	

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Impact of item/issues on:	
Strategic Context	Transforming specialist dementia hospital care paper was commissioned by Scottish government.
Patient Safety/Clinical Impact	None other new name will describe what the ward does.
Staffing/Workforce	None
Finance/Resources	There will be a small cost for new signage for the ward.
Risk Implications	None
Equality and Diversity	N/A
Consultation	Borders dementia user group.
Glossary	BDSU -

Situation

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Background

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Assessment

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