

AIMS-SC4Y Recommendations

What makes an adult ward safe and appropriate for young people?

A pilot of the AIMS-SC4Y standards in 26 adult wards identified the following key factors:

- Wards that are designated and prepared for the admission of young people, when the need arises-for guidance - see the pilot programme NMHDU report on www.rcpsych.ac.uk/aims-sc4y for details on how the adult wards in the pilot achieved the changes require.
- Wards that have established links with one CAMHS team and professional to support under 18s admitted.
- Joint working between CAMHS and the adult ward staff is established.
- Staff are CRB checked.
- Staff have the skills necessary to ensure young people receive appropriate assessments, care and treatment.
- All admissions of under 18s are monitored to assess compliance with the new duty to provide age-appropriate care.
- Staff liaise with educational services to ensure continued learning when required.
- Wards have robust transfer protocols to support transitions to other services.

Useful resources are available on www.rcpsych.ac.uk/aims-sc4y and under the 'Improving Care Pathways' section of www.nmhd.org.uk.