

GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The above Hospital falls within Portsmouth HealthCare NHS Trust (PHCT)

Services provided from Gosport War Memorial Hospital include - GP beds, Elderly Medicine and Elderly Mental Health with assessment/rehabilitation and continuing care beds and day hospitals.

The Hospital also has physiotherapy , occupational therapy and podiatry departments. Speech & Language Therapy and Community Dental services can also be found at the site.

A full range of outpatient services is also provided, although the bulk of these relate to Portsmouth Hospitals Trust.

The three wards under review are described below.

Ward Name	Ward Type	No. of beds	Medical Staff
Daedalus Ward	Geriatric rehabilitation	24	Consultant Dr. Lord Staff grade - Dr Yikona
Dryad Ward	Elderly Medicine Continuing care	20	Consultant Dr Ravindrane Staff grade - Dr Yikona
Sultan Ward	GP beds	24	All GPs on Gosport bed fund

These 3 wards comprise the elderly inpatient component of GWMH. However Sultan ward is distinct from Dryad and Daedalus as it is a GP Bed Fund ward, admissions to which are controlled by the local GP's. In addition the local GP's consult to these beds.

Medical cover to both Dryad and Daedalus wards is from the department of elderly medicine and out of hours cover from a local GP Practice.

During 1998 both Dryad and Daedalus wards had a continuing care function which in the case of Daedalus gradually altered to accept a different case mix. These patients were largely slow stream rehabilitation and the change a reflection of changing referrals to the local consultants.

In 1999 it became clear that the medical cover at that time, (clinical assistant time from a local GP practice and fortnightly consultant ward rounds), was insufficient to provide the level of service to both patients and their families and a full time staff grade doctor was funded. The immediate benefit of this being that patients were seen daily.

By the middle of 2000 the intermediate care agenda was in progress and 1 million pounds worth of development money was invested in Fareham and Gosport. A proportion of this enabled the change of use of Daedalus ward from continuing

care/slow stream rehabilitation to geriatric rehabilitation with additional consultant support, the appointment of an H grade nurse in a practice development role, enhanced therapy input and training and development for staff in managing less stable patients.