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Low Secure Mental Health Service for Men

Meridian Ward, Cygnet Hospital Blackheath, London

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Meridian Unit at Cygnet Hospital Blackheath is a low secure mental health service for 16 men. The service aims to balance the needs of therapy and security whilst helping prepare individuals to lead full and independent lives in the community.

Discharge planning begins from the point of admission, with service users supported to co-produce their care plans. A collaborative approach allows individuals to look forward and set key goals.

Our pathway is enhanced by access to our nearby community-focused mental health rehabilitation and recovery service, Cygnet Lodge Lewisham, which enables us to provide an integrated care pathway to reduce lengths of stay and enhance outcomes.

Service users are supported to improve their vocational skills by attending educational programmes, completing therapeutic earnings roles and engaging in community volunteering. We are located amongst a variety of parks, shops and Greenwich Station is just a 10 minute walk away.



Male 18+ years 16 beds

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Cygnet

Beds available

Now taking referrals

Our service user profile

- Men, aged 18+ years
- > Primary diagnosis of mental illness
- Detained under the Mental Health Act, including Ministry of Justice restrictions
- Requiring assessment and treatment in a secure environment
- May have a history of trauma
 - May present active or potential risk to others
- May have diagnoses of:
 - Severe and enduring mental health problems
- Psychotic disorder
- Schizoaffective disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Personality disorder

Therapies and Interventions

Therapies are offered on an individual and group basis, and may include:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) Based Coping Skills
- > Offence Chain Analysis
- > Good Lives Model
- > Substance Use Treatment Programme (SUTP)
- > Life Minus Violence Enhanced (LMV-E)
- Life Minus Violence Harmful Sexual Behaviour (LMV-HSB)

"Staff are amazing and helped me recover"

Service user





Secure Model of Care





Make a referral



Admission agreed and plans for transition arranged with referring team following confirmation of acceptance of placement

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