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Ward Layout and Capacity Changes - AMU, MSSW and UMAC

From Monday 29th June, changes will be introduced to the layout and capacity of AMU, MSSW and UMAC to support patient flow, improve care delivery and enhance the overall patient and staff experience.

The changes form part of ongoing work to strengthen pathways across acute medicine and improve the movement of patients through the front door.

What is changing?

Changes to ward configuration will include:

- MSSW merging with AMU to create a single, larger Acute Medical Unit
- Increasing AMU capacity from 27 beds to 37 beds
- Enhancing UMAC capacity to include:
 - 20 treatment chairs
 - 5 treatment recliners
 - 6 trolleys

Why are we making these changes?

The improvements are being introduced to:

- Strengthen AMU and SDEC throughput
- Improve patient flow across the front door
- Enhance patient care and safety
- Deliver a better patient and staff experience

Layout changes

There will also be important changes to how the area is organised and accessed:

- The AMU entrance will relocate to the current MSSW entrance
- AMU beds will be renumbered from 1 to 37, starting from the new entrance
- The UMAC entrance will remain in its current location

Updated floorplans are available below to help colleagues familiarise themselves with the new layout ahead of implementation.

Current Layout of AMU, MSSW and UMAC



New Layout from 29th June for AMU and UMAC



What this means for staff

From Monday 29th June, all staff working in or with these areas should:

- Use the new AMU entrance point
- Familiarise themselves with the updated bed numbering
- Review the updated layout diagrams in advance of shifts



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If you have any questions or require support ahead of the changes, please contact:

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