

Design and Access Statement

New fencing at Oxford Clinic, Littlemore Mental Health Centre, Sandford Road Littlemore,
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Proposal: New secure fencing and gates to provide secure airlock entryway to Oxford Clinic

The Oxford Clinic is located within Littlemore Mental Health Hospital and provides medium secure mental health services for male inpatients.

The existing clinic has a secure seclusion unit to which incoming patient admissions can be brought directly to for emergency assessment. The unit is located to the side of the clinic but does not have a separate entrance as it is currently enclosed by existing secure perimeter fencing and only accessible via the main entrance and through various internal ward areas.

The proposal seeks to provide a new secure airlock fenced entrance directly outside the seclusion area so that incoming patients who can be agitated and distressed can be moved directly into the seclusion unit, increasing both patient, staff and public safety.

The fence will be 5.2m high and constructed of secure mesh panels to match existing fencing

Following a review the Oxford Health Trust have noted that due to the acuity of the patients within this unit and to mitigate risk and ensure continuing patient and public safety a separate secure fenced entrance into the seclusion unit is required.