

Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016: Approved Establishments – River House, Bethlem Royal Hospital, South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

Background

Under Article 5(1) and 5(2) of the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016, the Minister has responsibility to approve establishments or premises for the purpose of care and treatment of patients. The Minister must be satisfied that the standard of treatment provided by the establishment or premises in question is appropriate and adequate. This includes the approval of establishments in the United Kingdom (UK). Transfer of patients through the Criminal Justice System under the Mental Health (Jersey) Law requires the establishment to be approved in accordance with Article 5 as above.

Issue

River House (part of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust) provides assessment and treatment for patients who require conditions of both medium and low security. This is provided through a combination of physical, procedural and relational security to support people through a pathway of recovery whilst safely managing risk, as set out in the Department of Health Specification for Adult Secure Services.

Governance checks (including review of the most recent available Care Quality Commission report) have confirmed that the service is appropriate and adequate to meet the needs of service users who require this service, which cannot be provided locally in Jersey due to the specialised nature of the service and the specific level of security (medium or low secure) required.

Recommendation

The Minister for Health and Social Services is requested to designate River House (Bethlem Royal Hospital, South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust) as an Approved Establishment pursuant to Article 5 of the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016.