

## RE: Freedom of Information Request 201920/ 393 - Mixed-sex wards

Your Query	Date of Request	January 2020
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Any and all documents relating to the health board's policy on single-sex/mixed-sex wards. This should include any information on whether there are mixed-sex wards and what these wards are (for example, oncology, stroke units, etc).</li><li>2. How many people were treated on mixed-sex wards in the last two years. Could you please break this down by hospital and year.</li></ol>		
<b>Response</b>		
<p>Please be advised that NHS Orkney is a small remote and rural health board which operates one hospital – the Balfour hospital. The Balfour Hospital operates on a single room basis with the exception of High Dependency Unit (HDU).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. NHS Orkney does not have a policy with regards to mixed sex wards. The Balfour Hospital has one mixed sex ward which is the HDU.</li><li>2. The requested information is not collated by NHS Orkney, therefore I must advise that in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 the information sought is not held.</li></ol>		