

So, what is happening?

You may already be aware that Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust (SHSC) is switching around a number of wards in order to make improvements to inpatient environments.

As part of this work, Maple ward at the Longley Centre will be closing at the end of June for the move. Male patients who are staying at Maple ward will temporarily be moved to Dovedale 2 ward at the Michael Carlisle Centre.

**Is closing Maple ward really necessary?**

Unfortunately, yes. Maple ward is being redesigned to improve the therapeutic space and although some of the work has been done while the ward is operational, to complete the work the ward will need to be temporarily closed.

What improvements will be made?

For SHSC the focus of the improvements has been about creating better environments for people including creating single gender wards, therapeutic areas with unsupervised access and giving people space of their own. People with lived experience of mental health have been part of the design team and service user feedback sought as part of the process.

That's great for the people who move into the refurbished Maple ward, but what about people's needs right now?

Dovedale 2 has already undergone a revamp (see pictures) so patients moving from Maple will be moving into upgraded spaces that help people relax, feel calm and have access to spaces such as a secure garden.

Who do I get in touch with if there are other things about the ward movements that I would like to know?

Any feedback about the move would be good to know, so please get in touch if you have other questions:

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We'll collate into themes, ask SHSC and let you know the response.

