

Planned Short Stay Unit (PSSU)

Balancing emergency admissions alongside planned admissions presents a challenge that sometimes means people expecting to come into hospital for their planned hospital stay may have their visit delayed.

To combat this problem, Addenbrooke's has introduced the **Planned Short Stay Unit**: a ward dedicated to patients who are here for planned Medical treatment and diagnostic assessments.

By opening a ward independent of the emergency admission process, patients who are due to be admitted for a planned procedure can be separated from the 1,230 emergency admissions who come through our doors each month. The unit has seen on average 400+ patients a month.



It's also good news for the hospital:

The PSSU has streamlined procedures, made us more efficient and released sustainable financial savings.

Working with local IT company Sarand, we have developed and implemented an electronic bed scheduler. The system gives patients a choice of dates for admission, ensures we use our beds effectively and identifies diagnostic tests that require arranging prior to admission.

Overall, the procedure has ensured efficient bed use, and assured patients of the quality of service they will receive.

Why are we doing this?

It's good news for our patients: by treating planned admissions as a separate group from emergencies, they benefit from a more responsive service that supports their care and management in an efficient, effective and predictable way.

In just 12 months...

85% reduction in medical admission cancellations

9.8% increase in planned medical admissions

4.9 day reduction in average length of stay in medicine

In brief: we can offer a better, more predictable service for elective medical patients