

Overview

Butler Green is an enhanced intermediate care facility in Oldham. It provides enhanced recovery and rehabilitation to help local people avoid being admitted to hospital, or to reduce acute length of stay.

It provides both 'step up' and 'step down' care meaning primary care and acute care staff can refer patients. It has 28 beds comprising 20 nursing beds and 8 clinical enhanced beds.

In addition to a bed-base, Butler Green provides a comprehensive blend of nursing and therapeutic interventions. The service also operates an ambulatory IV therapy clinic, urgent response to patients at home, A&E therapy in-reach and a GP helpline.

All staff are trained in mental health brief interventions.

Staffing

Butler Green is delivered by a multi-disciplinary team of health and social care professionals, including nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social care workers and GPs.

Outcomes

Pennine Care has developed and enhanced the Butler Green service in Oldham to establish a flagship model for delivering effective intermediate care in the community, as a viable alternative to hospital:

- 3371 patients have been admitted to the service, with minimal readmissions following discharge
- The national average referral to admission time is 78 hours, at Butler Green it's 24 hours
- The average length of stay has reduced from 45 days to 16 days
- 96% of patients would recommend Butler Green to their family and friends

An economic study undertaken by Frontier Economics found that:

- 1,321 patients were seen by Butler Green in 2014/15
- It achieved 829 deflections from acute ward admissions
- 234 A&E deflections were achieved via the urgent care response team
- Achieved 4,193 deflected bed days from acute care via step down service
- Benefits exceed costs by around £0.5 million