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Subject: RE: Cygnet Services response to Issues Statement (NHS England - South Region)

Cygnet Healthcare and Cambian services within the South West

1. Knightstone in-patient ward at Cygnet Kewstoke is a highly specialised PD service for women with a very structured DBT programme, which caters for the most complex and challenging women with PD. It operates within a hospital built to low secure standards and to the same spec as tier 4 PD services at Beckton and Ealing, which are NHSE funded. It opened in September 2013, which was 5 months after the NHSE minimum take / start of the moratorium on new services. If it had opened before April 2013, it would have been an NHSE funded tier 4 PD service.
2. In contrast, Cambian Alders is a community focussed rehab service for women with PD, who would be much lower risk than at Kewstoke, i.e. the two clients are completely separate.
3. As commissioners, the aim is to place service users in a service that will deliver the best outcomes for their individual needs. This is not restricted to NHS specific services. Commissioners would consider both NHS and IS focusing specifically on what would be the most suitable place for the service user and where the best outcomes would be achieved for that individual. Therefore consideration would be given to all Providers of services so long as they meet the specifications required for commissioning those services.