

A single South West Specialist Service



- **The Kingfisher** and **The Brook** operate as part of one South West specialist acute service model
- Shared clinical standards, governance, and pathways across both services
- Consistent approach regardless of geography

Purpose-led admissions



- Admissions are time-limited, therapeutic, and clinically justified
- Focus on assessment, treatment, and stabilisation
- Not long-term placements, substitutes for community provision or short break services

Appropriate admissions only



- For autistic people and people with a learning disability whose mental health needs cannot be safely met elsewhere
- Admission decisions informed by safety planning, formulation, and least restrictive principles
- Aligned with national policy on reducing inappropriate inpatient care

Robust clinical and commissioning oversight



- Regional clinical leadership and quality oversight
- Close working with Integrated Care Boards and community services
- Clear escalation and review arrangements

Discharge planning starts at admission



- Early and proactive discharge planning
- Partnership with community teams, commissioners, and families through a collaborative agreement
- Aim to return people to the least restrictive setting as soon as clinically optimised and safe