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**The need to reinstate female only psychiatric wards**

I think it is extremely important to reinstate female only psychiatric wards. Women going through a mental problem/issue are especially vulnerable during this time, and need space to recover. Having men in the same ward contributes to the possibility of men making unwanted sexual advances, or, to women making unwise sexual choices they would not usually make were they not mentally unwell at the time.

Both women and men need to feel safe, and need space to recover without the added distraction of the opposite sex being present almost all the time.

I hope this is helpful with the information you are collating.