

Seclusion and LTS Pathway

Scenario 1

A person presents with severely disturbed behaviour likely to cause harm to others (and or self)



Seclusion

Scenario 2

A person presents an almost continuous risk of serious harm to others



Long-Term Segregation

Differences

- Unplanned event
- Immediate necessity
- Severely disturbed behaviour likely to cause harm to others
- Supervised confinement and isolation
- Designated room
- Continuous observation, recorded every 15 minutes

- Planned intervention
- Continuous risk of serious harm to others
- Person would benefit from a period of intensive care and support that minimises their contact with other users of the service
- Discrete area
- Continuous observation, recorded hourly

Similarities

- Away from other users of service
- Prevented from leaving the area
 - Only be used in hospitals
 - Can be in any area
- A person is prevented from mixing freely with other people who use the service

A decision to either seclude or long term segregate a patient will be the decision of the MDT based on the patients mental health presentation and risk.