GUIDE TO ‘DE WOENSELSE POORT’

Has a relative or friend of yours been admitted to De Woenselfe Poort (‘The Woensel Gateway’)? If so, then please take note of the following information.

DE WOENSELSE POORT

De Woenselfe Poort hospital treats people with psychiatric conditions who need forensic1 or intensive care. Clients who are treated within De Woenselfe Poort may have:

- enduring, chronic psychoses
- a form of autism
- personality disorders
- mental disability
- psychiatric problems in combination with an addiction.

THE CARE DE WOENSELSE POORT OFFERS

Treatment is tailored as much as possible to the needs of the client. A client may undergo different kinds of therapy, participate in activities or work. Each client is assigned a psychiatrist or psychologist and a social worker. On the ward, the client is assigned one or more personal coaches. After treatment the person should no longer be a danger to himself or others. It should then be possible to live on one’s own again. This step is often realized through the help of a mental health organization such as GGzE [Mental Health Organization Eindhoven] in the form of a shelter plus care placement.

In De Woenselfe Poort the client learns:

- communication and cooperation skills
- responsible use of medicine(s)
- how to recognize signals that warn him/her of a worsening condition
- in which ways he/she can structure their lives through work, volunteer work and hobbies.

WARDS WITH DIFFERENT SECURITY LEVELS

De Woenselfe Poort has wards with different levels of security, dependent on the phase of treatment. A client might stay in a ward which has a high, moderate or low security level.

The treatment team determines which level of security is appropriate for a client.

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1Forensic psychiatry is concerned with people who have been sentenced by the courts to detainment in a psychiatric hospital for compulsory care and treatment. The detainment order is aimed at treating the individual concerned and protecting society.
84 AND 86 DR. POLETLAAN (HIGH SECURITY LEVEL)
These wards house people with psychiatric disorders who have committed crimes and who have been sentenced for these crimes by the court.

The sentence may be that of 'TBS/Terbeschikingstelling' (detainment at His Majesty’s pleasure) or another detention order, such as 'ISD - Plaatsing in een Inrichting voor Stelselmatige Daders' (Placement in an Institution for Criminal Reoffenders) or a criminal prosecution order.

A client may also be admitted in connection with a ‘Pro Justitia rapportage’ (a court-ordered mental health assessment). The client is then admitted for a limited time and assessed. The assessment is sent to the court that must pass judgment on whether the client was fully accountable at the moment the offence was committed. These clients are admitted into the Woenselse Poort’s closed, secure clinic.

Besides a number of buildings which house the clinical wards, the closed clinic also consists of a work and learning centre and a treatment and education centre.

72 DR. POLETLAAN (MEDIUM SECURITY LEVEL)
In the course of treatment, when clients are ready for more independence and there is less need for security, they can move on to a ward located at 72 Dr. Poletlaan. These wards have a lower level of security to match the phase of the client’s treatment. This area is completely separate from the 84 and 86 Dr. Poletlaan high security complex and has its own entry procedures.

From these wards a client may progress to one of De Woenselse Poorts’ low security level houses found on the estate grounds of De Grote Beek.

OUTPATIENT CARE
De Woenselse Poort is also home to the forensic outpatient clinic ‘De Omslag’ (‘The Switch’), which offers ambulatory and part-time care programs.

INTENSIVE CARE
Besides forensic care, De Woenselse Poort also provides intensive care within its Clinic for Intensive Care and Long-Care units, to which clients can be admitted who have either a criminal or civil involuntary commitment order. Most of these clients are sent here when treatment in other institutions has failed.

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1Independent psychiatric assessment of the state of mind of the accused at the time the crime was committed.