



Custodial Institutions Agency
Ministry of Justice and Security

Penitentiary Psychiatric Centre

Information for relatives

Target group

This leaflet was composed for the network of detained patients staying at the PPC. This leaflet is divided into multiple sections, containing information about the conditions of the detained patient's stay at the PPC. The leaflet thereby provides the network with insight and with information on how it can contact the treatment team and be involved with the treatment. The information provided in this leaflet is brief. However, everyone is invited to contact the PPC for more information. Refer to the section "Who to contact for information".

Our vision & mission

Vision:

The PPC provides assistance to detained patients unable to receive the proper aid under regular regimes. It does so by providing customised assistance and counselling. The quality and structure of the assistance is as equal as possible to the assistance provided in regular society.

Mission:

The PPC contributes to the safety of society and to reducing the risk of criminal conduct by providing counselling and treatment.



The PPC

Who is admitted to the PPC?

Detained patients requiring more assistance than can be offered under the regular regime and suffering from a psychological disorder requiring treatment.

What does the PPC look like?

The wards at the PPC house fewer detainees than regular wards do. The number of detainees on a ward depends on the ward concerned, but the maximum is 12. The PPC is characterised by deploying a multidisciplinary treatment team,

more personal contact with staff, and greater attention to the living environment on the wards.

Units/wards

Units 2, 3, 4, and 6 house PPC wards. Each unit has a different look and the wards also differ in terms of the types of detainees placed in them. One ward houses detained patients suffering from a personality disorder, for example, while others are home to detainees with a mild mental impairment or serving long sentences.



Rooms

Rooms at the PPC never accommodate more than one person. They feature standard furniture, such as a bed, desk, cabinet, washbasin, and toilet. Some rooms have a camera fitted. These are rooms for patients under camera supervision, such as suicidal patients.

What does a day at the PPC look like?

Each ward has a day programme. This programme is inter alia composed of the following elements: recreation, exercise, sports, education, library, work, and visits. The exact composition of the programme depends on both the ward and the conduct and

condition of the detained at any particular moment. This allows for the provision of customised assistance.

Who work at the PPC?

The ward is staffed by care and treatment centre officers. These ward officers are specialised in providing assistance to people suffering from serious psychological problems. In addition, each ward has a treatment coordinator, ultimately responsible specialist, nurse practitioner, psychiatrist, ward head, social worker, and supporting psychologist.

Each unit also features a medical service, while a dentist is available at the institution.

What role do I play as a member of the network?

Should both the network and the detained patient be open to it, it is usually considered beneficial for the network to be involved with the treatment.



The way this can best be organised will be considered for each individual situation. It is for example possible to participate in the treatment plan discussion or to arrange supervised visits. Should the network indicate a need to be involved in advance, please inform the social worker / case manager thereof.

Who to contact for information

The social worker / case manager can be contacted via the general number. This person is involved with the detained patient and can provide the members of the network with information and, if necessary, refer them to other disciplines. In order to share personal treatment-related information, the detained patient must give their consent in advance. The social worker / case manager thus serves as the contact person for the network and other bodies involved.

Visits

Various visiting options exist within the PPC:

- *Regular visits*, in the visiting hall. This is possible once a week. The exact date and time differ per ward;
- *Guided visits*, individual and under guidance of the social worker / case manager, at a location at PI Vught to be determined;
- *Supervised visits*: in case of long-term relationships, a request for a supervised visit can be made with the social worker / case manager;
- *Participation in father-child day*: detained fathers can lodge a request.

Other options:

- *Participation in a treatment plan discussion*.

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