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Privacy & dignity	Young people should have their own en-suite bedroom. They should have control over their lighting (including reading light), natural light (if integral blinds are fitted), ventilation and, where appropriate, heating. They should have the ability to lock the bedroom door from both the outside and inside, with the capability for staff to override this to protect their safety.	Select...
Safety	Children and young people will not be able to engage with the therapeutic purpose of the ward unless they feel safe. This includes the safety of belongings in a lockable space.	Green
Space	The size, furnishing and quality of spaces and circulation areas will influence how the children and young people engage with and use it. A variety of different spaces should be provided to allow them a choice of environment.	Amber
Disabled accommodation	Appropriate accessible accommodation and facilities should be provided that ensures that the needs of anyone with disabilities are met in a way that promotes inclusivity.	Red
Space to meet others	Contact with the outside world is an important part of treatment and recovery. Children and young peoples need appropriate spaces where they are able to meet friends, family, carers and other professional visitors. Larger family visiting spaces, suitable for siblings who may be younger or older than the young person being visited.	Select...
Gender-specific	Accommodation should be planned to be gender-specific and furnished and decorated in such a way that it meets the needs of different genders. Decoration should reflect the age group it serves.	Red
Access to outside areas	Direct access from internal spaces to outside areas offer children and young people greater freedom of movement and fresh air. The design provides staff with good sightlines to all entry and exit points.	Select...

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Variety of activities	It is essential to provide a wide range of activities for group therapy, social and recreational use. The use of room and outdoor spaces can be maximised by early service user and clinical involvement and the application of a service's clinical philosophy. Space for interactive games and for ball games are particularly important for this age group.	Amber
Healthy lifestyle	Physical healthcare is an essential aspect of care, treatment and mental well-being. The unit design provides opportunities to improve the lifestyles of young people, including access to fresh air and exercise.	Select...
A space for contemplation	The design may provide for a suitable multi-faith room in which young people are able to spend time in worship, meditation or reflection.	Green
Natural light and ventilation	These are essential attributes of a well-designed unit and the physical and mental well-being of staff, young people and visitors to the unit.	Select...
Clean, well-maintained building	This conveys a positive message to children, young people, staff and carers and encourages pride in the ward environment. There may be a zero tolerance policy on damage in general. The ability to maintain a clean, homely service will be dictated by the material used to build and furnish it.	Select...
A domestic environment	Children and young people describe a preference for an environment that is comfortable, non-threatening, homely and familiar and minimises institutional features.	Select...
Avoidance of noise	At initial planning stage, consideration should be given to the location of potentially noisy rooms (such as laundries and de-escalation suites) in relation to quiet accommodation such as bedrooms. Adequate soundproofing should be installed between rooms, and heavy-duty soundreducing doors are used. Noisy engineering equipment, fans and light fittings should be avoided to promote a therapeutic environment.	Select...
Avoidance of overcrowding	Overcrowding can also create tension on a ward. Activity areas and dining rooms should provide adequate space to avoid overcrowding.	Select...

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Storage	There should be adequate facility for storing and accessing a reasonable number of personal possessions.	Select...
Welcome	It can be daunting to visit a CAMHS unit, especially for the first time. Visitors need to feel welcome and reassured by the surroundings.	Select...
Privacy	There should be discrete areas for visiting. Care should be taken to accommodate child visiting as close to the entrance as possible.	Select...
Safety	Visitors need to feel reassured that there is someone on hand if needed.	Select...
Flexibility	Managers need design solutions that build in a degree of flexibility. Where practical, rooms should be designed to allow for different functions or to respond to changing service user populations and needs.	Select...
Low levels of incidents	The design of the environment should give careful consideration to safety and security for children and young people and for staff and the public.	Select...
Stable staffing levels	A high-quality environment for staff can play an important role in improving staff morale, decreasing sickness absence and improving recruitment and retention. A good design enables staff to be deployed in the right areas, to engage with young people and to maximise the use of resources.	Select...
A pleasant environment	Staff function better in environments that feel safe, calm and spacious. Staff can engage with children and young people and deliver a better quality of care if they are unconstrained by the design of the unit.	Select...
Safe working conditions	Better quality of care and staff experience will be enabled by a design, supported by appropriate technology, that reassures staff and facilitates rapid response and assistance when necessary.	Select...

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Good layouts	Single-level patient accommodation will enable the safe movement, supervision and management of young people.	Select...
Private areas	Space should be provided for staff to do confidential work and hold meetings. There should also be areas for staff to rest; these should be located away from the main service user areas on the ward.	Select...
Storage	There should be adequate facilities for the secure storage of personal possessions.	Select...