

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Purpose

- 501424 10 .1.00 Part B of these Guidelines covers the briefing and planning issues that result from the translation of health service delivery requirements into a brief for a physical facility.

This section of the Guidelines draws together a range of issues that guide the detailed planning of Health Care Facilities and looks in more detail at specific issues guiding the development of the detailed physical design for a facility. The first section sets out a range of planning issues that are applicable to the physical design of any Health Care Facility.

It recognises the framework of authority requirements, industry standards, codes and manuals that apply to every project.

The information is presented so that it may be used as a starting point for the work of a designer, as information for the users involved in a project, and as a checklist for assessment of design. It is not intended to replace the professional skill, knowledge and judgment of an experienced designer in the development of a Health Care Facility.

Content

- 501425 10 .2.00 This section contains information regarding physical planning models and policies that are believed to contribute to the procurement of well- designed Health Care Facilities.

It includes space standards and dimensions for commonly occurring building elements, guidelines for designing for disabled access and an outline of signage requirements for Health Care Facilities.

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) issues are then covered in terms of avoiding or minimising design practices that often contribute to hazardous or harmful features in the built environment.

Finally, design practices that enhance the security of people, premises and property are outlined in accordance with NSW Health policies.