32.0 Public & Staff Amenities Unit

32.1 Introduction

32.1.1 Description
The Amenities Unit shall provide facilities for the convenience and comfort of staff and visitors to the hospital. Some of the amenities may optionally be used by patients who are permitted to access other areas of the hospital.

32.2 Planning

32.2.1 Planning Models
Amenities may be provided in a uniform configuration to Main Entry areas, public areas, staff areas and every level of the hospital, to ensure ease of access and consistency in location.

32.2.2 Functional Areas
The Amenities Unit will consist of the following Functional Areas:-
- Public Toilets
- Staff Toilets
- Staff Change Rooms
- Disabled Toilets
- Bay for drinking water
- Prayer Rooms
- Ablutions Rooms

PUBLIC TOILETS
Public Toilets should be located in a discreet area with ready access to Lifts and Waiting Areas. Public facilities should include access to baby change and parenting rooms for baby feeding.

STAFF CHANGE ROOMS AND TOILETS:
Staff Change rooms will include staff showers and locker areas. Change rooms, toilets and locker areas shall be provided separately for Male and Female staff.

PRAYER ROOMS
Separate Male and Female Prayer rooms shall be provided, located in a discreet but accessible area. Provide Prayer Rooms on every level of the building. Refer to Section 4-Planning-Local Design Regulations for Design Considerations for Prayer Rooms; refer to Standard Components for additional Prayer Room requirements.

ABLUTIONS ROOMS
Ablutions Rooms shall be provided adjacent to Prayer Rooms for the appropriate washing of hands and feet.

32.2.3 Functional Relationships
Public and Staff Amenities should be located close to the Main Entrance with ready access to waiting areas and lifts. Amenities including Prayer Rooms will be required in public areas on every level of the hospital for ease of access.
32.3 Design

32.3.1 General
The design of amenities should create a pleasant atmosphere for staff and visitors to the hospital, whilst retaining the necessary functional requirements.

Consideration should be given to private and discreet entry areas for toilets and ablutions facilities.

32.3.2 Environmental Considerations

NATURAL LIGHT
Natural light is highly desirable where achievable, particularly for Prayer Rooms.

PRIVACY
Privacy is essential for toilets and ablutions rooms, while providing ease of access.

ACOUSTICS
Acoustic treatment will be required to all Prayer Rooms, Toilet and Ablutions rooms.

32.3.3 Space Standards and Components

Prayer Rooms, Change areas, Toilets and Ablutions rooms shall be sized to suit the numbers of persons requiring use of the facilities and allow safe and effective movement of people through the rooms.

SAFETY AND SECURITY
Staff Change and Locker areas shall be secured with electronic access.

FINISHES
Floor finishes should be appropriate to the function of the space. Toilets and ablutions facilities should be tiled or vinyl floors with a suitable non-slip finish.

Consideration must be given to the appearance and quality of environment required e.g. non-institutional, acoustic performance, slip resistance and infection control.

Wall finishes, cabinetry and bench tops must be easily cleaned.

Refer also to Part C of these Guidelines.

FIXTURES AND FITTINGS
Fittings and fixtures shall be robust and allow heavy usage in public and staff areas.

BUILDING SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
Amenities areas will require air conditioning with controlled humidity and temperature to provide a comfortable environment for visitors and staff.

32.4 Components of the unit

32.4.1 General
Patient and Staff Amenities will contain a combination of Standard Components and Non-
Standard Components. Provide Standard Components to comply with details in the Standard Components described in these Guidelines. Refer also to Standard Components Room Data Sheets and Room Layout Sheets.

32.4.2 Non Standard Components

BAY – DRINKING WATER

Description and Function
The Bay – Drinking Water provides a recessed area for a drinking water unit.

Location and Relationships
The bay will be located in public access areas close to Waiting areas.

Considerations
The Bay will include:
- Wall and floor finishes suitable for wet areas
- Drinking water fountain, with hydraulic connection to drinking water. Refillable water coolers may also be used. Recurrent cost to the facility should be considered when choosing the water source.
- Fittings may include a dispenser for cups and waste bin.
### 32.5 Schedule of Accommodation

#### 32.5.1 Public & Staff Amenities Unit Generic Schedule of Accommodation

Schedule of Accommodation for a Public & Staff Amenities Unit for Levels 3-6

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Please note the following:

- Areas noted in Schedules of Accommodation take precedence over all other areas noted in the FPU.
- Rooms indicated in the schedule reflect the typical arrangement according to the Role Delineation.
- Exact requirements for room quantities and sizes will reflect Key Planning Units identified in the Service Plan and the Operational Policies of the Unit.
- Room sizes indicated should be viewed as a minimum requirement; variations are acceptable to reflect the needs of individual Unit.
- Office areas are to be provided according to the Unit role delineation and staffing establishment.
- Staff and support rooms may be shared between Functional Planning Units dependant on location and accessibility to each unit and may provide scope to reduce duplication of facilities.
32.6 Functional Relationship Diagram

32.6.1 Public & Staff Amenities Unit Function Relationship Diagram

32.7 Further Reading

- Australasian Health Facility Guidelines, Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance, refer to website www.healthfacilityguidelines.co.au
- Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities; The Facility Guidelines Institute