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Welcome to Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry Veldzicht in Balkbrug

Helping you further in a skilled and safe way

Information for patients

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This booklet provides more information on Veldzicht as an organisation, who stays here and what it is we do. You can also read more about the history of the place where Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry Veldzicht is located.

Welcome to Veldzicht!

The staff of Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry Veldzicht



What is Veldzicht?

Veldzicht is a centre specialising in treatment and support of people suffering from complex psychiatric problems in their daily life. The people staying within Veldzicht are often of a non-Dutch or non-Western cultural background. About 80% of all individuals staying within Veldzicht hold a nationality other than the Dutch. People of around 50 different nationalities are staying within Veldzicht.

The location?

For almost 200 years now a variety of organisations have had their social function at the location of the current Veldzicht. Over the years the structure expanded, and buildings became different functions. Since 2016 Veldzicht is a centre for transcultural psychiatry.

A characteristic feature of Veldzicht are the vast area and its signature walls. These walls have had multiple roles throughout their existence. Off and on they make a secure location for the residents which they cannot leave easily. On and off they offer a quiet and safe place to those needing this. By that, the walls always had and still have a strong sheltering role.



What do we do?

The objective of the therapy and the stay within Veldzicht is helping you further in a skilled and safe way. To achieve this, we have several basic principles guiding us in our work:

- Your possibilities are at the centre.
- Your problems determine our approach and your placement within Veldzicht.
- You participate in a care programme fitting your personal needs.
- Your safety, the safety of the others within Veldzicht, and that of society are connected.

Together with you, we would like to achieve the following: reduction of your complaints and risks and working on your prospects for the future.

Who works here?

Over 400 passionate and dedicated people work at Veldzicht, colleagues, and the people staying within Veldzicht. Inside the building, you come across very different people working together on a daily basis at Veldzicht.

Care and support staff such as psychiatrists, psychologists, security guards, facilities service employees and spiritual counsellors. People taking care of food, cleaning, safety and maintenance. Many of them you will certainly meet.



Why do we do what we do?

It is our mission to help people further in a skilled and safe way.

At Veldzicht we offer a safe environment for the intensive treatment of persons with complex psychiatric problems. These persons often have a non-Western cultural background and a nationality other than the Dutch.

In a skilled and safe way and to the extent possible we want to help those staying within Veldzicht further. On their way towards a fitting place in a protected environment in society, either in the Netherlands or their country of origin.

What is of importance to us?

Since we want to help you further to the extent possible in a skilled and safe way, several values are of utmost importance to us. Not only in our work, but also in our social relations. These values connect us and set a course for our choices and our actions in the daily practice. It makes what we value as an organisation and as individuals become manifest. Values of importance to us are: professional, personal, interested and equal.

Any questions?

Do you have questions about items in this publication? Would you like to know more about a certain subject? Don't hesitate to let your supervisor know so. He or she would love to tell you more about Veldzicht.

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