

Further Subsidies for Flemish Hospitals



The Flemish government is upping subsidies for both general and psychiatric hospitals, a necessary move to keep the quality of the infrastructure at a level and healthcare affordable, says Flemish minister for Welfare and Health Jo Vandeurzen (CD&V).

In real terms Vandeurzen is raising the maximum surface area eligible for subsidies from 87 m² to 98.5 m² per bed or place in general hospitals with over 250 beds. 'The new regulation allows hospitals to more easily meet new requirements with regard to comfort, energy consumption, accessibility, safety and hygiene,' the minister says. He also highlighted the raised expectations on the part of patients and visitors.

Moreover, hospitals are increasingly demanding sustainable construction materials so as to save on energy. All hospitals that have submitted building plans and have not yet started construction work now have until the end of August to update their submissions. On the basis of the data received, a multiyear allocation of over 1.5 billion Euros will follow in the autumn, through new principal subsidy agreements.

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