

Competition Questions

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1. For how many individuals should the team office be?

The team office would ideally be able to be used by the residents when the team is not present, so perhaps a library/study/office space. It would not have to be very big, as mostly individual sessions will take place in this space but perhaps for a max of 6 people please, for when there are case reviews, or group sessions.

2. Has the pandemic created any new issues around communal living that entrants should aim to address in their design proposals?

Due to the fact that the kitchen/living/dining will remain a communal space there is not really much way around this. Each bedroom having its own bathroom is however very important for this factor, as well as those previously discussed.

3. What is the minimum number of private rooms that should be designed to full access-for-all standards?

As we receive more referrals of people with mobility difficulties compared with referrals of people who are in a wheelchair, it is important that two bedrooms are wheelchair accessible in order to offer some flexibility. All of the common areas would need to be accessible, however.

4. In the briefing session, it was mentioned that the house should be designed to cater for a maximum capacity of 16 occupants across 6 private bedroom spaces at any one time. What are the minimum and maximum family unit size we should allow for?

This is completely dependent on what the bedrooms will comfortably allow. We appreciate the bedrooms are different sizes and some may be enough space for a couple whereas others may fit a family of 3. We would like to maximise on the space available whilst not compromising the resident's space and comfort.

5. In terms of community living, how are resources such as those related to cooking and laundry organised? Is it expected to provide individual kitchen storage for each occupant (or family unit), or are food supplies shared? Are meals always shared and eaten together, or should we provide for separate meal preparation at any one time?

Laundry - There will be use of 1/2 washing machines in a shared laundry space. The residents will book their slots and wash their own clothes, so there will be need for a washroom space and place to hang their clothes. If there is a way that the rooms can have a balcony or small outside space (overlooking the courtyard), they could also have the option of hanging clothes in this space.

Kitchen - The kitchen space will be shared and although there will be some cupboards which are communal, the residents will also be allocated cupboards where they store their own food and things (A cupboard per bedroom). Meals will not always be eaten together as residents will likely have different commitments and schedules however the dining space should be big enough that all residents can eat together for community meals.

6. In terms of accessibility, the house is located within an urban block that presents many challenges to people with limited mobility. To what extent should the design proposals address this?

Ideally, the house is accessible throughout. However, it is totally understandable that the whole house may not be wheelchair friendly. Therefore, the Periti may want to think of having 2/3 units which are wheelchair-friendly if structurally possible. It is also important to highlight that YMCA get approximately 2/3 queries per year from

individuals with disability, mainly will be older residents and families/individuals. However, the house has to be designed with ageing and disability in mind.

7. How much detail is expected in the cost estimate? Is it sufficient to follow the categories listed in Annex 3, without a further breakdown?

There is no need for a detailed breakdown at this stage. However, the workings may be requested by the Jury if it feels the need to look into the estimate further.