<u>Own your</u> treatment space

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# Location analysis



second beach ridge





40 m

## Masterplan

Α

В









rotated to not have a

north-facing side



Shape

ring of apartments around

ring changed in depth for differentiation



added balconies

92 7

atrium





frame distinguishing apartments



added shapes









## Building



perspective restaurant and entry







perspective atrium



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## Climate

In summer, the atrium heats up by the sun, which is then actively cooled with the seasonal thermal energy storage through both ventilation and underfloor pipes. This process refills the warm aquifer to be used to warm the rest of the building in winter. Because we have to warm our housing buildings more in winter than we need to cool in summer in The Netherlands, a seasonal thermal energy storage is usually not in balance for housing. The introduction of the unshaded atrium with air intakes high up and outlets low down will balance this out. This atrium can fluctuate in temperature a lot more between summer and winter than usual indoor spaces can.

The apartments have a separate centralized ventilation system and are cooled and warmed with an underfloor system. All rain water from the roof is stored in a rain water collection system and is used to water plants in the atrium and for the toilets. Excess water is slowly infiltrated through the wadi in the garden.











#### perspective exterior

axonometric top view



## Apartments

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6

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B



**4** 

A

〔3〕

E

F



9

a len

perspective 1 apartment A



perspective 2 apartment A





perspective apartment C





BOLT CUTTER LONGARMS



BRICK BLOCKS

## Details



detail fragment roof 1:10

400 mm

0

detail fragment green house roof 1:10

400 mm

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400 mm



### **Problem statement and aims**

Psychiatric clinics where patients live are only used when the patient cannot live on their own anymore. Stays are kept as short as possible and patients are stimulated to reintegrate and live on their own again (GGZ Noord-Holland-Noord, n.d.). For patients with the prospect of moving out again, this now often fails. The difference between living in a clinic and living in your own home can be too big, as the architecture of many psychiatric clinics does not fully support aspects of giving and taking autonomy, which can result in patients feeling helpless (Evans, 2003). Part of the treatment process is to let people gradually take control over as much as possible, during the course of their stay (Anthony & Farkas, 2019).

This research aims to make it easier for patients admitted to psychiatric clinics to reintegrate into out-patient care and their own home, by finding ways in which architecture can increase the feeling of autonomy that patients in clinics can have. This is one of the ways to reduce the differences people experience between living in a clinic and living at home.

Having the possibility to influence something by your own ideas and preferences \_\_\_\_\_ (Dictionary.com, n.d.-a). Choices about being admitted are left out as this is not part of the architectural discourse. For this research, architectural elements are defined as all elements related to a building design, for example daylight, spatial relations, location, the relation of the garden with the building and programme

### **Research question**

Which <u>elements</u> of architecture and the built environment can support the reintegration of a patient from a safe and controlled psychiatric clinic to their own home by increasing the <u>autonomy</u> of living?

- 1. In which ways is it possible for architecture to influence the autonomy patients have?
- 2. What role play architectural types of <u>psychiatric clinics</u> that are or were already in use in the Netherlands in influencing autonomy?
- 3. What is the role of the specific urban context and direct environment around psychiatric clinics?

Locations that offer 24/7 psychiatric help while the patient lives within the building for a certain period of time. This can be temporal, but also pemanent (GGZ Noord-Holland-Noord, n.d.).

### Personas







## Finley (27)

- Bad psychosis 4 months
  - ago
- Often woke up with nightmares
- Often goes into the city
- Started their job again

## Alex (46)

- He's lived with father until 42
- Was diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Has been admitted for 8
- months
- Has started wood working



- She divorced four years ago
- Has struggled with bipolar
  disorder
- Was discharged one year ago
- She now visits the walk-in

daycare



## Architectural Guidelines



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### **Private rooms**







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People should have individual apartments with their own bathrooms. In Golembiewski's research, making experiences as familiar as possible was seen as important, which relates to creating a homelike feeling (2010). On top of this, multiple people during the Field work expressed that they really liked this. The rooms can also be used for cleaning trainings.

#### Figure 5.13: Showing progress

In the Field Work, I noticed that many patients were not stimulated to take more autonomy and make their own choices. In Case Study Psychiatrisch Centrum Amsterdam, there also were apartments with their own front door on the site. This way, people might feel more direct motivation to try and move out of the main building, as this intermediate apartment is more obtainable.

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FLED PANELS





- \* Nor personalizable \* Opes create a space with more privacy
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