



Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe

47th meeting

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hosted by France

Update on
Shortage in foster care places with impact on
paediatric wards

De Winter Katrin

A hospital is not a home for children without a medical reason

- Advisory report by Flemish Children's Rights Commission
- The Paediatric Nursing Working Group of the Nursing Network (NETWERK VERPLEEGKUNDE) also participated in the discussions that informed the advisory report

Recommendations

- Strengthen prenatal care and the protection of unborn children.
- Guarantee the right to housing so that newborns can safely leave the maternity ward.
- Expand youth care and crisis intervention services to prevent situations from escalating.
- Develop appropriate psychiatric services for adolescents aged 15 to 18 years.
- Introduce more child-friendly procedures within hospitals, improve information sharing, strengthen collaboration with the justice system, and safeguard children's rights to family contact, education, and play.
- Recognize, value, and support the professionals who care for these children

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