What do children and young people say about hospitals?

Children and young people over 7 years old find hospital spaces too babyish.

Places that are dull, dirty, messy or crowded are disliked.

Placements that are colourful, bright, clean, tidy, comfortable and well maintained are liked.

When they stay in hospital, all children and young people want to have somewhere that they feel is their own space. They want the opportunity for privacy when they feel they need it.

Children and young people want toys and activities that are right for their age and they want somewhere that they can use them, without having to ask an adult for permission.

Children and young people want to be able to be with and talk to other people when they are in hospital and they want to be able to keep in contact with their friends and family.

Children and young people have a lot to say about what they would like hospitals to be like and they want to be asked!

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