


PLAYFUL & SOOTHING

A pattern of paediatric facility

Embarking on a paediatric facility project the aspiration for all involved is that the safest, most comfortable setting will be created, in which patients would receive the best care. If we consider hospitals to be daunting places for most adults, for children it can be much worse. Designers of different specialties collaborate to make the most of any opportunity to 'demedicalise' the premises and provide a less institutional feel.

In the case of **GOSH's Italian Building** it was a thread of familial domesticity that is employed as an inspiration to the scheme. The original Hospital was first opened in pair of houses, and the proposals aim to replicate the warm, homely feel of a big house with an inviting garden.

CLIENT: GOSH Great Ormond Street Hospital

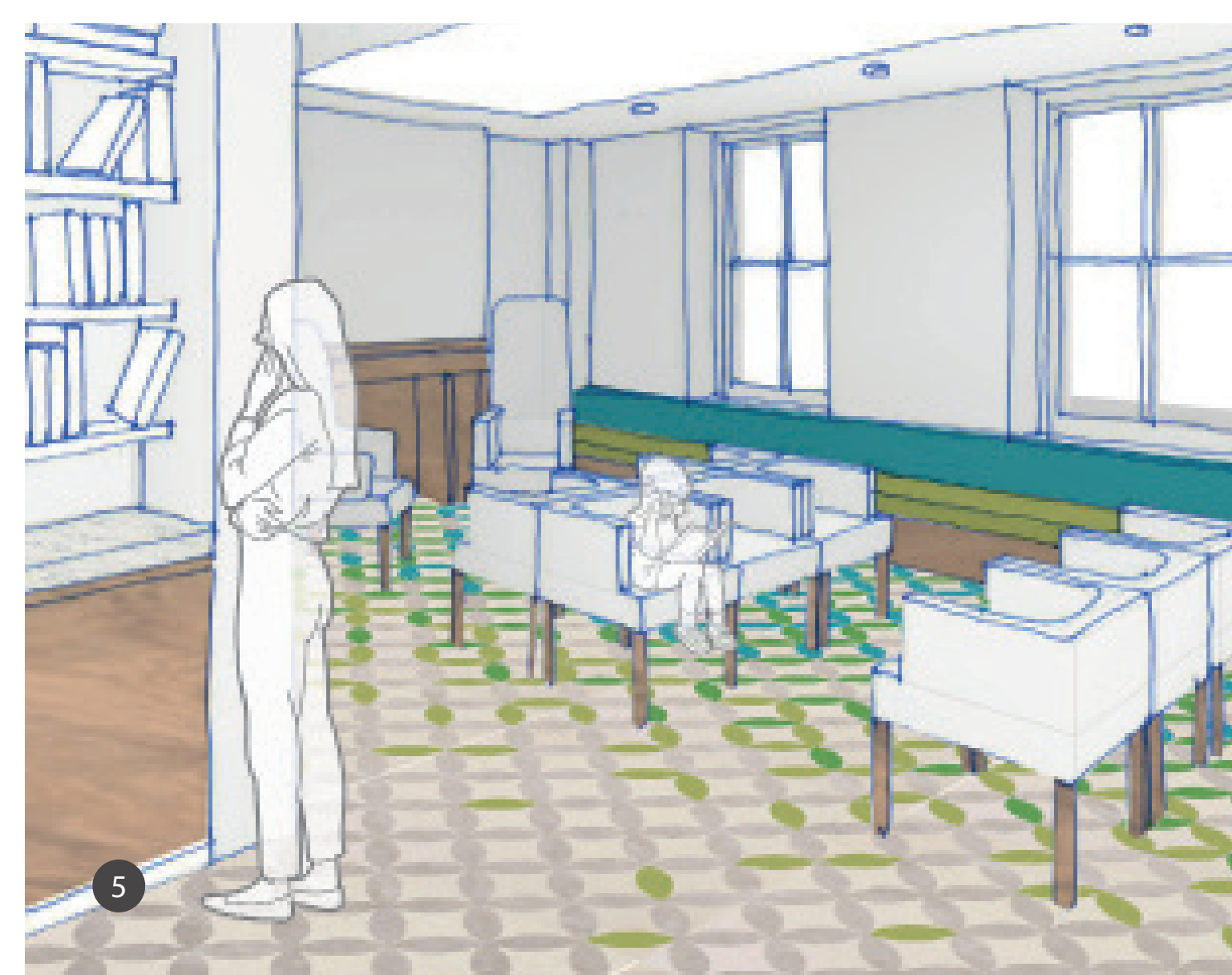
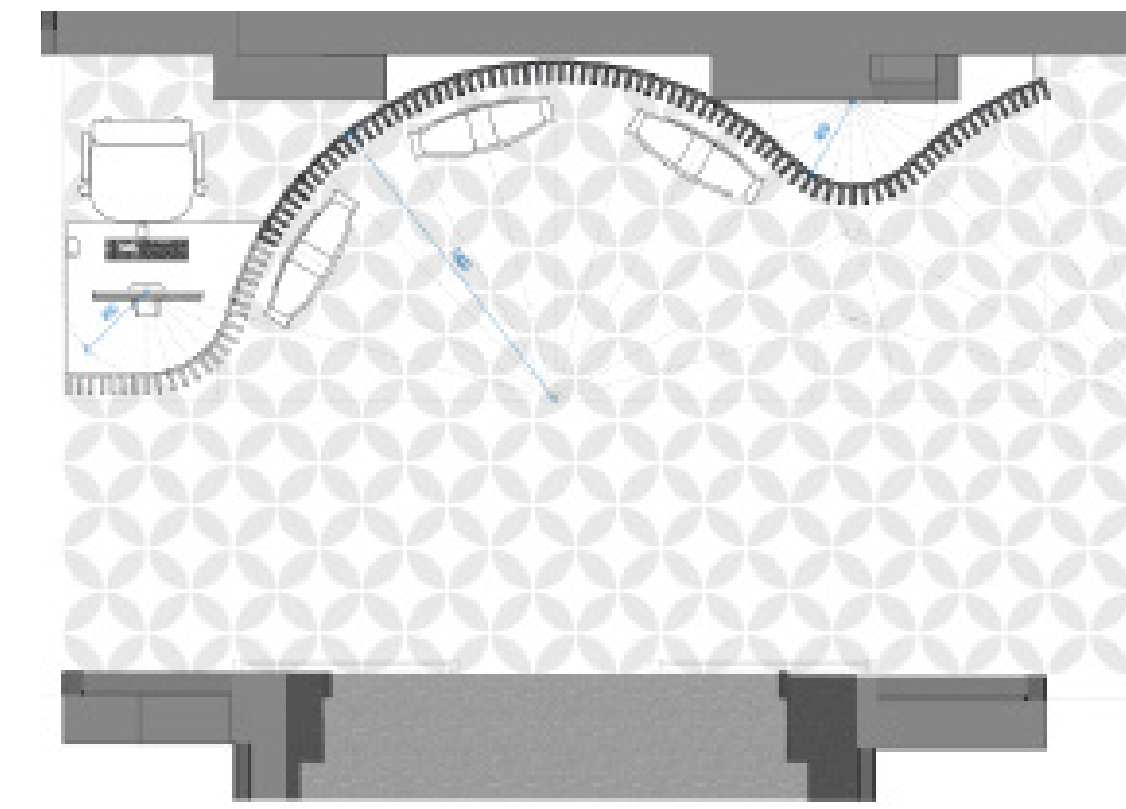
Great Ormond Street 
Hospital for Children
NHS Foundation Trust

ARCHITECT: Sonnemann Toon Architects LLP

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Fairhurst

SERVICES ENGINEER: KJ Tait

- 1 Subwait - a sensory wall and an interactive floor
- 2 Natural finishes + acoustic baffles in the self check in area
- 3 Intuitive wayfinding - colour + scent diffusing system
- 4 Light and airy feel in consulting rooms
- 5 Natural palette + homely ambience in all waiting spaces



The children's multifunctional room at the **HJE's St John's Hospice** will provide a sun-lit, welcoming space, seamlessly connecting to the outside and offering a balance between soothing & stimulation to the visiting, soon to be bereaved, children.

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- 6 Flexible, accessible arrangement, glazed enclosure offering connection to the sensory garden outside
- 7 Seating niches, inflatable tactile pods and mobile screens

Paediatric patients are growing in number and their attitudes to wellbeing and healthcare as well as their visual articulacy are increasingly sophisticated: The physical design of an optimal healing space - a playful but not overly childish environment catering for children of all ages and those who accompany them - presents an opportunity to boost and elate.

