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The St Andrew's Nursing Home (SANH), a community service of St Andrew's Mission Hospital, will be the fourth such institution in Singapore. It will serve 300 residents in a seven-storey, purpose-built facility.

The nursing home will provide skilled nursing and psychiatric care within a comprehensive recovery-oriented framework. Care plans will also be individualised to cater to the specific needs of each resident.

Residents will receive a range of services, including occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

At full capacity, the home will have more than 90 nursing staff and three full-time therapists.

SANH is also working with Hougang Care Centre to support its vocational programme for people recovering from mental illnesses by hiring the centre's members in areas like laundry and security.

The building has ten wards and each ward will have its own day activity area where exercises and social activities will be conducted.

It also has a multi-sensory room designed to stimulate the senses for distressed residents.

SANH will start admitting its first 100 residents from Nov 25 this year.

Subsequently, residents will be admitted in small batches of 50 from March next year.

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