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# **CLEANING OF ISOLATION ROOM (Known or suspected infection or closed bay)**

## **Cleaning responsibilities**

### **Nursing staff are responsible for cleaning all patient care equipment**

Nurses are responsible for cleaning all patient care equipment including the top frame of the bed and mattress. Responsibilities for cleaning are detailed in '[Roles/Responsibilities of Cleaning Furniture/Equipment in Patient Areas](#)' in section 2.1 of the Infection Prevention and Control Manual including reference to the frequency of cleaning required. In the first instance, blood and body fluid spillages should be cleaned-up by nursing staff. Following initial clean-up, nursing staff should inform the ward domestic who will complete the cleaning process

### **Cleaning Solution**

[Actichlor Plus or Tristel Fuse](#) should be used by domestics for routine cleaning of the environment and by nurses for patient care equipment.

### **Dedicated care equipment**

When possible, dedicated patient care equipment should be identified for the period of isolation. Equipment should be stored within the room or in a clearly defined area out with if it is clean.

### **Inform Domestic Supervisor**

When an isolation room is identified, the nurse in charge should notify the domestic supervisor that special cleaning is required as soon as possible. The domestic supervisor must ensure that the procedure is known and understood by the ward domestic and that suitable equipment and materials are available.

### **Terminal Cleaning of Isolation Room**

Following the patients discharge or transfer, terminal cleaning of the vacated room and all patient care equipment is essential. 1,000ppm Chlorine solution with combined detergent should be used for terminal cleaning.

## Terminal Cleaning Nursing Duties Summary

- Decontaminate Hands
- Apply disposable plastic apron and gloves
- Strip bed and dispose of linen as per NHS Borders used linen policy
- Clean all items as detailed in '[Roles/Responsibilities of Cleaning Furniture/Equipment in Patient Areas](#)' in section 2.1 using [Actichlor Plus or Tristel Fuse](#).
- Only remake bed when all other cleaning is completed by General Services
- Items which cannot be washed or laundered must be discarded into a yellow clinical waste bag.

When cleaning is complete, remove disposable gloves and apron before leaving the room and discard into yellow clinical waste bag. Thoroughly wash and dry hands.

## Laundering patients clothing at home

For relatives who are laundering patient clothes at home, place patient clothing in a clear Disolvo-bag (See [Used Linen Policy](#)). A '[Washing clothes at home](#)' leaflet should be provided.

## Terminal Cleaning General Service's Duties Summary

When using chemicals for cleaning isolation rooms:

- Apply disposable plastic apron and gloves
- Assemble necessary cleaning equipment
- Remove all curtains (window, screen and shower) for laundering
- Clean all horizontal surfaces, furniture, fixtures and fittings, with [Actichlor Plus or Tristel Fuse](#).
- Toilet and hand towel dispensers; after washing these items with [Actichlor Plus or Tristel Fuse](#), a few sheets of toilet roll and the

hand towels exposed to the environment should be disposed of in a yellow clinical waste sack

- The bathroom is cleaned as daily clean with [Actichlor Plus or Tristel Fuse](#) particular attention to all surfaces used by patient, i.e. toilet seats, shower, handles and grasp rails
- Clean the ward and bathroom floor by mopping with with [Actichlor Plus or Tristel Fuse](#). All electrical equipment used must be cleaned and dried within the room and any pads disposed of in a yellow clinical waste bag. All mops used must be sent to the laundry in a Disolvo-bag
- All surfaces must be rinsed and dried thoroughly with a yellow disposable cloth after cleaning
- When cleaning is complete, remove disposable gloves and apron before leaving the room and discard into yellow clinical waste bag. Thoroughly wash and dry hands

**Further advice can be sought from the Facilities Manager or Infection Control Nurse.**