






## BORDERS GENERAL HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY HOSPITALS USED LINEN POLICY, NHS BORDERS INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL

WHITE <u>TERYLENE</u> HAMPER	RED <u>TERYLENE</u> HAMPER	BLUE <u>POLYTHENE</u> BAGS	BLUE <u>TERYLENE</u> HAMPER	GREY <u>TERYLENE</u> HAMPER
				
<p>Used linen not contaminated with blood or body fluids must be placed into white terylene hampers. This includes all baby linen/clothing.</p>	<p>Used linen which is contaminated with blood/body fluids, known or suspected of being infected must be placed into a clear disolvo bag with red writing stating "foul and infected", prior to going into red terylene hamper. This may include staff uniforms.</p>	<p>Used linen and theatre gowns must be placed into a clear disolvo bag with red writing stating "foul and infected", prior to going into a blue polythene bag.</p>	<p>All used staff uniforms must be placed into a blue terylene hamper.</p> <p>Heavily contaminated /infected uniforms must follow the <b>red terylene</b> hamper policy.</p>	<p>Individual used patient clothing must be placed into grey terylene hamper i.e. one patient per hamper.</p> <p>Used patient clothing foul and from a known/suspected infection with blood/body fluids must follow the <b>red terylene</b> hamper policy.</p>

**LAUNDRY BAGS SHOULD ONLY BE FILLED TO 2/3 CAPACITY AND MUST BE CORRECTLY SEALED AT WARD/DEPARTMENT.  
ENSURE ALL SHARP ITEMS AND EXTRANEIOUS MATERIAL (PATIENTS TEETH, BOOKS ETC.) ARE REMOVED PRIOR TO  
PLACING INTO LINEN BAGS**