

Our Commitment to Cleanliness

Cleaning Summary

Keeping the General Practice facilities clean and preventing the spread of infection is everybody's responsibility from the Practice Manager to the healthcare cleaner. It is important for patients, visitors, the public and staff.

Cleanliness matters, and to ensure consistency throughout the NHS, and to support hospitals and healthcare services, this commitment has been adopted in every organization, including this Practice.

This Charter sets out our commitment to ensure a consistently high standard of cleanliness is delivered across our facilities. It also sets out how we would like you to help us maintain high standards.

WE WILL:

- Treat patients in a clean, safe and pleasant environment
- Provide a well maintained, clean and safe environment, using the most appropriate and up to date cleaning methods and frequencies
- Aim to clean the building when patient appointments have finished for the day
- Maintain fixtures and fittings to an acceptable condition to enable effective and safe cleaning to take place regularly
- Allocate specific roles and responsibilities for cleaning, linked to infection prevention and control
- Constantly review cleanliness and rectify issues with cleaning provider or team
- Take account of your views about the quality and standards of cleanliness by involving patients and visitors in reporting and monitoring how well we are doing
- Provide the public with clear information on any measures which they can take, to raise awareness and educate the public in the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections
- Provide structured and pro-active education and training to ensure all our staff are competent in delivering infection prevention and control practices within the remit of their role
- Provide entrance matting to remove soil from shoes and reduce the dirt from entering the building especially in winter months
- Design any new facilities with ease of cleaning in mind

WE ASK PATIENTS, VISITORS AND THE PUBLIC TO:

- Follow good hygiene practices which are displayed in and around the Practice
- Tell us if you require any further information about cleanliness or prevention of infection
- Work with us to monitor and improve standards of cleanliness and prevention of infection
- Do not smoke or drop debris around the entrance doors to reduce likelihood of soil entering the building
- Inform us if you or a member of your family spill drinks or where vomiting occurs to enable us to contain the spill and rectify the situation as promptly as possible for the comfort of the patient, visitors and staff
- Inform us if you see any breaches in the standards of hygiene

If you wish to comment about the cleanliness of this facility, contact the named person on the email below:

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CONTAMINATION OR ISOLATION CLEANING

When cleaning and disinfecting an area following contamination or isolation, to reduce the risk of transmission of infection, materials and equipment used should be the correct colour for that area, as per National Cleaning Colour Coding Scheme, and all cleaning cloths and mop heads be disposed after use

Howdale Group Practice



Category: FR4

Treatment rooms where non-invasive procedures take place, Sluice, Waiting areas, Toilets and Consulting rooms

CLEANING TASK	CLEANING FREQUENCY	RESPONSIBILITY
Treatment couch	Full clean between patient use, 1 x check full weekly	Clinical Staff and Healthcare Cleaner
Wheelchairs	Touch point clean after each use 1 x full clean weekly,	Clinical Staff and Healthcare Cleaner
Chairs	1 x full clean weekly	Healthcare Cleaner
Medical equipment	Check clean before and clean after each use, 1 x full clean weekly, regardless of use including stored items	Clinical Staff
Electrical items in multi-use areas	Regular check/cleans of patient self-check-in screen during opening hours 1 x full touch points clean weekly,	Healthcare Cleaner, Clinical Staff, Reception or Admin Team
Switches, pulls, sockets, data points, trunking handrails, wall fixtures	1 x full clean weekly	Healthcare Cleaner
Doors	1 x full clean weekly	Healthcare Cleaner
Windows	1 x full clean every 6 months	External contractor
Internal glazing	1 x full clean fortnightly	Healthcare Cleaner
Radiators, including cover	1 x full external clean fortnightly	Healthcare Cleaner
Curtains and blinds	Change/clean whenever visibly soiled and 2 yearly minimum	Healthcare Cleaner
Low, middle, high surfaces	1 x full clean fortnightly	Healthcare Cleaner
Ventilation grilles, extracts and inlets	1 x check clean daily, 1 x full clean monthly	Healthcare Cleaner
Walls (accessible up to 2 metres)	1 x check clean daily, 1 x full check annually	Healthcare Cleaner
Lighting, including wall, couch, examination, both fixed and portable (excludes ceiling lights)	1 x full clean weekly	Healthcare Cleaner
Toilets, toilet brushes, sinks and taps	1 x full clean daily	Healthcare Cleaner
Mirrors	1 x full clean daily	Healthcare Cleaner
Waste receptacles	1 x check clean daily, 1 x full clean weekly	Healthcare Cleaner
Dispenser cleaning	1 x full daily clean external (internal clean minimum of weekly)	Healthcare Cleaner
Replenishment of consumables	1 x check and replenish daily	Clinical staff and Healthcare Cleaner
Floors hard and soft	1 x full clean daily	Healthcare Cleaner
All cleaning equipment, including trolley	1 x full clean after each use	Healthcare Cleaner

National Cleaning Colour Coding Scheme

All cleaning items, including cloths, mops, buckets, aprons and gloves should be colour coded as follows:

Red

Sanitary areas, including sinks in sanitary areas

Blue

General areas, e.g. waiting rooms and consulting rooms (including sinks in general areas)

Green

Kitchens

Yellow

Isolation/Treatment and minor operation rooms

Name / Signature

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