

# National colour coding scheme for hospital cleaning materials and equipment

All NHS organisations should adopt the colour code below for cleaning materials. All cleaning items, for example, cloths (re-usable and disposable), mops, buckets, aprons and gloves, should be colour coded. This also includes those items used to clean catering departments.



**Red**

Bathrooms, washrooms, showers, toilets, basins and bathroom floors



**Blue**

General areas including wards, departments, offices and basins in public areas



**Green**

Catering departments, ward kitchen areas and patient food service at ward level



**Yellow**

Isolation areas

Your local contact for hospital cleaning is: