Procedure:

Cleaning & checking procedure – In-patient areas

Mattress should be dated by ward staff when first put into use

Non-Inf ective Patient

Mattresses are not required to be cleaned daily (unless visibly contaminated with blood/body fluid)
Clean weekly and on discharge:
- neutral detergent & hand hot water (or detergent wipes)
- dry thoroughly

WEEKLY or at discharge (whichever is soonest) unzip mattress cover fully and check:

- Any external damage to cover: Replace cover

- Any internal staining on cover: Replace cover

Infective Patient

Mattress must be cleaned daily and on discharge:
- Use Chloric an 1,000ppm chlorine solution (Hag-Tab 10,000ppm chlorine solution if blood/amniotic fluid)
- Allow to air dry

Staining on foam core

- Staining ≥ 8cm across OR visible blood staining
  - YES: Replace foam core
  - NO: Complete risk assessment form & retain mattress core

- Staining on zip line only

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