

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