Procedure:

Cleaning & checking procedure – In-patient areas

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

Non-Infective Patient

Infective 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

Mattress must be cleaned daily and on discharge:

- Use Chlorclean 1,000ppm chlorine solution (Haz-Tab 10,000ppm chlorine solution if blood/amniotic fluid)
- Allow to air dry

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

Any external damage to cover

Any internal staining on cover

Staining on foam core

Replace cover

Replace cover

Staining ≥ 8cm across OR visible blood staining

Staining on zip line only

YES

NO

Replace foam core

Complete risk assessment form & retain mattress core