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Bed cleaning/Infection & Audits

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

1. *Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.* Answers: Eastern – there is a bed cleaning process in place. Northern – bed cleaning is undertaken daily by Sodexo housekeeping team we also have a bed washing team who operate this service from 9am -5am. Nursing team undertake bed cleaning during peak/escalation times.

2. *Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)*

Answers: Eastern – If the bed/area is infected a member of the specialist deep cleaning team would perform the clean. The bed would be taken apart and cleaned (together with the room/vicinity) with either chlorclean or detergent and then demisted depending on the infection. If the bed space is non-infected it would receive a social clean.

Northern - non infected beds are detergent cleaned – with disposable cloths. With infected beds tristel is used and steam cleaners with disposable cloths.

3. *At what frequency (i.e., daily, weekly).* Answers: Eastern – bed cleaning is performed after every infectious and non-infectious discharge regardless of whether it is in the same day or week.

Northern Daily (service 7 days a week)

4. *And who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)*

Answers: Eastern – The Domestic Services Specialist/Deep Cleaning Team perform the infectious cleans and the nurses or HCAs perform the non-infectious cleans.

Answers: Northern - Sodexo undertake all infection cleans using Tristel and steam cleaners – Sodexo housekeeping team on wards undertake the first two non- infectious bed cleans outside of this bed washing team undertake

discharge cleans. During escalation nursing team are expected to clean non-infectious bed cleans

5. *Please provide the trust's C-diff status - i.e., under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory* Answers We are over trajectory
6. *Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England* Answer None.