







Linen/Laundry Segregation

Used and soiled linen	Used/soiled linen	White polythene bags	
Infected linen *	Used/soiled linen from a patient with known/suspected infection	Red alginate bag inside a white polythene bag Label with 'infected linen' tape around neck of bag	
Rejected <u>clean</u> linen	Unusable clean linen e.g. torn/stained	For return through agreed process ECH – return to on site laundry, all other sites place in green polythene bag	

* As indicated from patients requiring contact/enteric/respiratory/blood and body fluid precautions

ITEMS FOR LAUNDERING AT ECH

Curtains/ bed covers/hoist slings etc	Curtains/bed covers/hoist slings etc	Green/Blue bag Label with area/ward/dept.	
Curtains/ bed covers/hoist slings etc. from a patient with known/suspected infection *	Curtains/bed covers/hoist slings etc. from a patient with known/suspected infection	Red alginate bag inside a green/blue bag Label with area/ward/dept Label with 'infected linen' tape around neck of bag	
Patients own clothing	Patients personal items	Named carrier bag inside a green/blue bag Label with area/ward/dept.	
	Soiled items and items from patients with known/suspected infection	Red alginate bag (clear alginate for delicates), inside named carrier bag inside a green/blue bag Label with 'infected linen' tape around neck of bag	