

# 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