

Local Resource 8 New Build and Service developments

Department of Health guidelines have emphasised the role of the environment as a potential source of infection for service users. Therefore it is important that infection prevention and control principles and issues are considered whenever planning new or upgraded buildings. Designers, engineers, architects, facilities managers and planners must collaborate with the local infection prevention and control team to ensure that infection risks are reduced to a minimum. The infection prevention and control team at OCCG should be consulted during the planning process in order to identify and minimise infection risks. This principle also applies when planning service developments and new contracts.

Key considerations include:

- Size of rooms
- Availability of treatment rooms
- Availability and design of clinical hand wash basins
- Design and features of ancillary areas
- Engineering services
- Storage facilities
- Finishes for walls, floors, ceilings, doors, windows, fixtures, fittings and furniture Interior design and designs of fixtures and fittings
- Decontamination facilities
- Kitchen and rest rooms
- Waste – segregation, storage and disposal
- Changing facilities
- Service lifts
- Construction and the role of cleaning
- Disabled access

Further information on all these aspects may be found in the following publications:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/148509/HBN_11-01_Final.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/170705/HBN_00-09_infection_control.pdf



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