

Deep Cleaning

Single
Point
Lesson

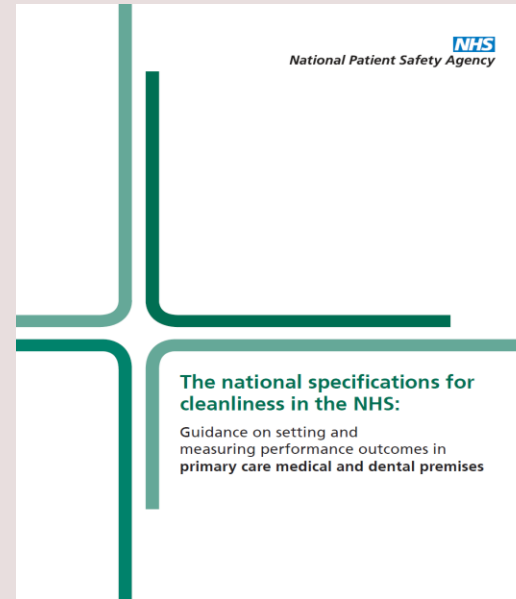
High standards of environmental hygiene and clinical practice in healthcare facilities have been identified as being important in minimising the risk of the transmission of infection (DH Health Building Note 00-09: Infection control in the built environment (2013).

Within the Code of Practice providers have a specific duty to “provide and maintain a clean and appropriate environment in managed premises that facilitates the prevention and control of infections” (Health and Social Care Act 2008 Code of Practice criterion 2)

When deep cleaning:

- Staff must wear **protective clothing i.e. gloves and apron, goggles/ face masks ? Where appropriate.**
- **Risk assess**
- **Always** follow COSHH when using cleaning chemicals. A COSHH assessment should be in place for all cleaning products.
- Prior to cleaning, all equipment should be inspected for signs of damage which renders cleaning ineffective.
- Cleaning should start at the **highest point to the lowest point.**
- Cloths should be changed after each task **and never re-dipped once used** in the cleaning solution.
- Clean all areas including hand wash basins, ‘dirty’ sinks, taps, PPE/ paper towel dispensers, alcohol gel and soap dispensers.
- Clean door handles, light switches , fixtures such as picture rails/ coving, radiators, vents, and lighting.
- Lastly clean flooring including any skirting boards (if still in situ).
- Remember to discard PPE appropriately then wash your hands

During a deep clean all areas and equipment within a defined environment should be decontaminated using a combined detergent/chlorine releasing agent 1,000ppm unless contraindicated by manufacturer’s instructions.



Cleaning schedules should always be completed and kept as a record. Further guidance refer to the NPSA national specifications for cleanliness.

During a deep clean of the surgery always check for and remove:

- **Out of date products**
- **Old paperwork**
- **Old pieces of equipment**
- **Unnecessary items**



Don't forget to clean those frequently touched areas



The infection control team can be contacted if you require any additional advice/support on 01744 457314