Portable Fans in Clinical Practice

- When buying a fan, purchase a trust-approved fan from a list from procurement.

- When cleaning, disconnect from electrical supply and use detergent wipes.

- Make sure that any fans are on the cleaning rota and that everybody is aware of who is responsible for their cleaning.

- **DO NOT** use fans during outbreaks of respiratory illness or diarrhoea and vomiting.

Risk assess fans before use i.e.

- If used in patient bedrooms, clean between patients. If it can’t be cleaned then dispose of the fan.

- Think of positioning of fans, especially in wound care areas to ensure not pointed directly at patient’s wound.