

**ICPG1: SECTION 11 – GUIDELINES FOR THE CARE AND DECONTAMINATION OF
MATTRESSES AND COVERS
APPENDIX 2 (August 2017)**

Mattress Audit Tool		Ward Name:									
<u>Room No'</u> <u>/ Mattress No'</u>	<u>Mattress type</u> i.e. Foam / pressure relief / springs	<u>Q1</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q2</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q3</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q4</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q5</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q6</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q7</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q8</u> <u>Y/N</u> <u>/NA</u>	<u>Q9</u> <u>Frame/base</u> <u>type</u>	<u>Comments</u> (If NA answered)
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Mattress Audit Tool

This audit tool should be used in conjunction with the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust's GUIDELINES FOR THE DECONTAMINATION OF MATTRESSES AND COVERS

It aims to identify mattresses and mattress covers in poor condition.

Mattresses and covers in poor condition are known to be a source of healthcare associated infections.

Mattresses should be individually numbered for identification purposes.

Each mattress and cover should be reviewed on a monthly basis and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

This Audit is to be carried out **annually** in Mental Health services and **quarterly** in Community Health services.

When completed, this 'Mattress Audit Tool' should be retained for evidence purposes.

This 'Mattress Audit Tool' has been adapted in response to the Care Quality Commission

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The whole mattress must be examined - this will require turning it to see all sides.

Question 1: Is the mattress soiled or stained, such that it cannot be removed by cleaning?

Question 2: Is the mattress cover torn or damaged?

Question 3: Does the mattress have an offensive odour?

Question 4: Are the zip fasteners damaged in any way?

Question 5: Does the mattress dip in the centre?

Question 6: Is the mattress less than 5 inches (121.5mm) deep?

Question 7: Is the mattress too long or too short for the bed base?

Question 8: Is the bed frame/base contaminated with blood and other body fluids, and therefore contaminated the mattress?

If any one of the above questions receives a **YES** answer, then the mattress has failed the audit and should be condemned.

Question 9: Please specify the type of bed base / frame