



National colour coding scheme

For cleaning materials and equipment in care homes

All care homes are recommended to adopt the national colour code for cleaning materials (see below). All cleaning items, e.g. cloths (reusable and disposable), mops, buckets, aprons and gloves, should be colour coded.

Red

Bathrooms, showers, toilets, basins and bathroom floors

Blue

General areas, including lounges, offices, corridors and bedrooms

Green

Kitchen areas, including satellite kitchen area and food storage areas

Yellow

Bedrooms, when someone has an infection and is cared for in their own room (isolated)