

NHS ENGLAND and NHS IMPROVEMENT - ESTATES

ASSESSMENT POD DESIGN GUIDANCE Version: 20200211 v002 Author: Adrian Eggleton

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Links: Lone Working Policy & 2222 emergency response from hospital

Please Note: this design is what can realistically be achieved by the industry in volume, at speed. Your supplier may not be able to achieve coved skirting, HTM compliant taps and sinks, etc. But you may be able to retrofit. Depending on the size of your population and disease presentation you may need more than 2 assessment units.

The Following Companies have been spoken to and can supply your needs:

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1.0	Assessment Pod General Arrangement
1.1	<p>The following drawing describes the optimal functional relationships between rooms. This arrangement is not readily available from portable building hire companies but will help with your planning.</p> <p>© NHS England and NHS Improvement 2020 – permission granted for NHS to replicate in response to Corona Virus emergency planning.</p>
2.0	Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to electricity, or generator (available for hire) • Hot water for hand washing • Mains water supply or bowser (available for hire) • Mains drainage or waste tank (available for hire) • Telephony connection • Telephone point in assessment and gowning rooms • Socket in assessment and gowning rooms for cleaning equipment • Socket near table assessment if needed to charge mobile phone if no landline • IT links for medical records – hardwired, WIFI or networked laptop
3.0	Control of Infection - The higher specification available the quicker cleaning to enable turnaround.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinyl floor, sealed at wall junction • Wipe clean, non-porous walls and ceiling • Alcohol gel Dispensers in assessment rooms and gowning room • Consideration to queuing/waiting without cross infection – in cars? Signage if door locked please wait.... • Clinical waste compound adjacent or new? • Pod does not have cleaner's cupboard – solutions to be mixed elsewhere and dated • Deep Clean in line with PHE guidance before off-hire and certificate

4.0	Security																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Room doors lockable from inside, once patient is inside and lockable from outside to secure for cleaning post visit – signage for patient to lock once inside • All three Gowning Room doors turnbuckle on inside and keypad on outside including from Assessment Rooms • If linked to own telecoms use 2222, or emergency number for mobile – signage in assessment & gowning rooms 																					
5.0	Access																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair access to one assessment room – door width, ramp and lip to suit • External Lighting • Signage from A&E and Out of Hours towards assessment unit, on unit and in unit – languages appropriate to your demographic 																					
6.0	Furniture – minimise to facilitate cleaning																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 x wipe clean chairs in each assessment room • 1x 900 x 900 mm wipe clean table in each assessment room (to rest samples on etc) • 1 x normal clinical waste pedal bin in each assessment room • 1 x wipe clean chairs in gowning room • 1 x clinical waste bin in each assessment room • 1x Soap and hand towel dispenser • Box Gloves Holders and other PPE Storage • Shelving for clean PPE and supplies in gowning room 																					
Modular Design Readily Available from Industry																						
<p>The following design is easily manufactured by portable hire companies using standard units and fixtures and fittings from their established supply chain.</p>																						
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