

Decontamination



DECONTAMINATION IS A TERM WHICH INCLUDES CLEANING, DISINFECTION AND STERILISATION, AND IS UNDERTAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SEMI-INVASIVE ULTRASOUND PROBE (SIUP) PROCEDURES

NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR **DECONTAMINATION** OF SIUPs HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND WILL BE FURTHER INFORMED BY A DATA LINKAGE STUDY ESTIMATING THE RISK OF **CROSS-INFECTION** FOLLOWING SIUP PROCEDURES IN SCOTLAND.



NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DECONTAMINATION

LITERATURE REVIEWS WERE DEVELOPED ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES USED TO **DECONTAMINATE** THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING ANTIMICROBIAL COPPER AND SILVER, HINS LIGHT, CHLORINE DIOXIDE, WIPES, ATP BIOLUMINESCENCE AND FLUORESCENT MARKERS.

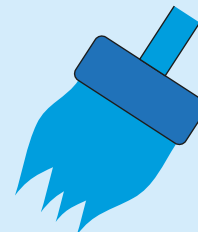
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DECONTAMINATION

A SURVEY HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES ADOPTED IN THE UK AND INTERNATIONALLY. FOUR APPROACHES IDENTIFIED WILL BE FURTHER EXPLORED IN 2017.

A&E EQUIPMENT CLEANING ROLE



'BED BUSTING' TEAM



DECANT WARD



HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER



DECONTAMINATION OF COMMUNAL REUSABLE PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT: TIME TO CLEAN

AN OBSERVATIONAL STUDY WAS CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH THE TIME SPENT BY HEALTHCARE WORKERS ON **DECONTAMINATION** OF PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT AND INFORM RESOURCE PLANNING FOR PREVENTION OF HCAI.