

Contaminated uniforms and scrubs

Keeping yourself and your patients safe

Uniforms and scrubs that have been contaminated by patient blood or bodily fluids (Including COVID-19-related contamination) should be sent to on-site or facilities laundries in an alginate bag as infected linen. Please contact the site facilities Department for assistance.

They should not be taken home to wash.

Under no circumstances should contaminated uniforms, scrubs or PPE be laundered at home.

General Guidance

Uniformed staff

There is no increased risk by following current guidelines on changing uniforms and scrubs – one per shift or session, **unless the uniform becomes contaminated.**

If you are transferring to other locations/boards to help with the pandemic, then you should take your own uniform with you, where possible. Health care students taking up paid employment to help with the outbreak should continue to wear their student uniforms, where possible.

Non-uniformed staff

You will be allocated suitable work wear if required for roles you are performing for the duration of the pandemic. However, where staff are wearing their own clothes in conjunction with appropriate PPE, there is no evidence of infection risk for staff who are laundering non-contaminated clothes at home.

PLEASE SEE OUR 'NON CONTAMINATED UNIFORMS AND SCRUBS' POSTER FOR OTHER INFORMATION



Health Protection Scotland have confirmed that existing infection control procedures, including arrangements for laundering uniforms and scrubs, still apply for COVID-19.