

Dear

I am writing to respond to your request sent on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016. OUH can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

When deciding what fixtures and fittings are suitable for displaying in a hospital we would refer to the Department of Health document 'Health Building Note 00-09: Infection control in the built environment'

([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/170705/HBN\\_00-09\\_infection\\_control.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/170705/HBN_00-09_infection_control.pdf)).

"This states 'the importance of a clean, safe environment for all aspects of healthcare should not be underestimated. It is important that healthcare buildings are designed with appropriate consultation, and the design facilitates good infection prevention and control (IPC) practices and has the quality and design of finishes and fittings that enable thorough access, cleaning and maintenance to take place. Good standards of basic hygiene, cleaning and regular planned maintenance will assist in preventing healthcare-associated infection (HCAI); only if the built environment reflects these needs are schedules more likely to be successful not only in being undertaken on a proactive and reactive basis but also in reducing contamination and risks to patients".

Yours sincerely,