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Health Service Executive

Procedure for Cleaning Shower Head Protocol

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PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL FOR CLEANING SHOWERHEADS

1.0 Purpose

This procedure outlines the process for cleaning showerheads quarterly or as necessary.

2.0 Persons Affected

All employees involved in the maintenance of showerheads.

3.0 Policy

The objective of this policy are

- to provide clear guidance on the process of cleaning showerheads
- to ensure the cleaning procedure reflects best practice in all aspects.

Procedures/Protocols

Staff Excluded from Cleaning Showerheads

The following staff should be excluded from cleaning the showerheads

- Staff suffering from chronic immunosuppressive illness – consult the microbiologist for advice.
- Staff members receiving steroid treatment
- Staff who have received an organ transplant

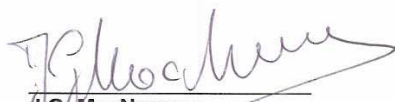
PROTOCOL FOR CLEANING SHOWERHEADS

- Remove all showerheads in one area at a time and replace with clean showerheads. While carrying out this procedure try to ensure that no aerosols are created.
- Collect all used showerheads and bring to designated area
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- Dismantle showerheads and soak in hot water and detergent e.g. calgonite for a minimum of one hour.
- Wear personal protective clothing i.e. aprons, gloves and a fluid shield surgical mask.
- Brush showerheads under the water to dislodge any dirt, slime or scale
- Rinse with clean water and soak in disinfectant for one hour e.g. Actichlor, 1,000 ppm available chlorine (for dilution of Actichlor refer to table)
- This procedure should be performed quarterly or as necessary

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	Tablet 1.7g	Dilution	Concentration of available chlorine
Disinfection	Actichlor 1.7g	One table in 1 litre of water	1.000 ppm av Chlorine

- Rinse with clean water and dry
- Store in a clean dry area for reuse
- If there are any queries, please contact the Maintenance Manager, the Infection Control Team or General Manager.


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