

Appendix 2 Aide Memoire: General Principles of Isolation

Staff should:

- Promptly assess patients for risk of infectious disease
- Isolate infectious patients in single (preferably en-suite) rooms, if possible
- Where single room capacity is exceeded, contact the IPT and SMT
- Decisions may be made to place patients infected with the same organism in dedicated cohort areas/isolation wards
- Ensure, where possible, that care for cohorted patients is by a designated team of staff that are not caring for other patients
- Consider cohorting patients in bays within wards if there is no dedicated isolation ward available, and
- Ensure effective isolation, i.e. bays should have doors that can be closed to provide physical separation from other patients.