



Homerton University Hospital Infection Control Team

Application: Infection isolation on general wards

Client: Homerton University Hospital Infection Control Department

Product: 10 x Portable KwickScreens

Feedback: *“The clear design we have used ensures that patients can be observed and they do not feel isolated from other people.”*

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THE PROBLEM

There is a lack of side rooms in many hospitals across the NHS. The majority of infected patients do not need to be placed in side rooms, requiring only a physical barrier between bed-spaces to prevent infection transmission through droplets, and improve hand hygiene compliance. Many patients do not wish to be placed in side rooms, or require constant observation.

Often during outbreaks there are insufficient side rooms available for all patients carrying infections including MRSA and Norovirus. Many expensive or inappropriate methods are used to manage infected patients including bed blocking, barrier nursing or delaying discharge from previous (often more costly) wards until appropriate side-rooms are available.



Bradford Royal Infirmary Pop Up Bay

HOW IT WORKS

KwickScreens have now been adopted by infection control teams across the NHS to provide isolation for infected patients within wards. The KwickScreen provides both a physical barrier around the infected patient and a psychological trigger that has been proven to improve hand hygiene compliance. It also allows patients to remain visible to each other and to staff, offering a significant advantage over side rooms.

- Allows separation of infected areas within a ward
- Isolates non-airborne infections in the ward
- Provides visibility & isolation
- Improves hand hygiene compliance and prevents cross-bed traffic
- Low levels of patient stigmatisation
- Hygiene units for alcohol gel, gloves and gowns available
- Easy to clean, small storage footprint when not in use

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