

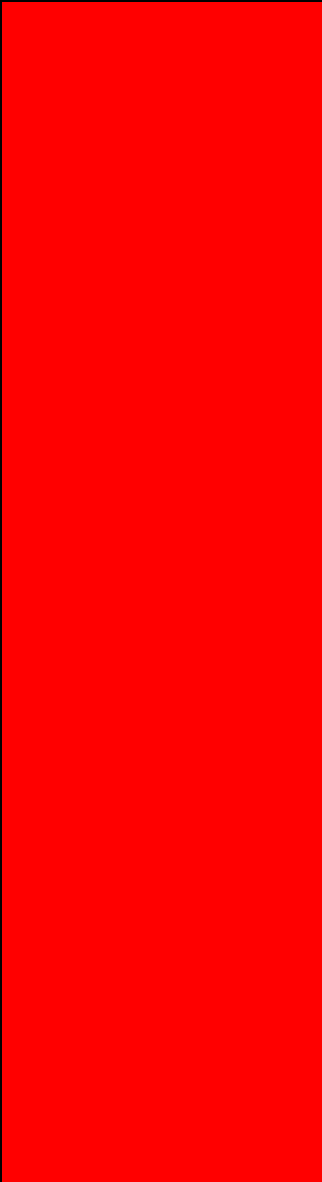
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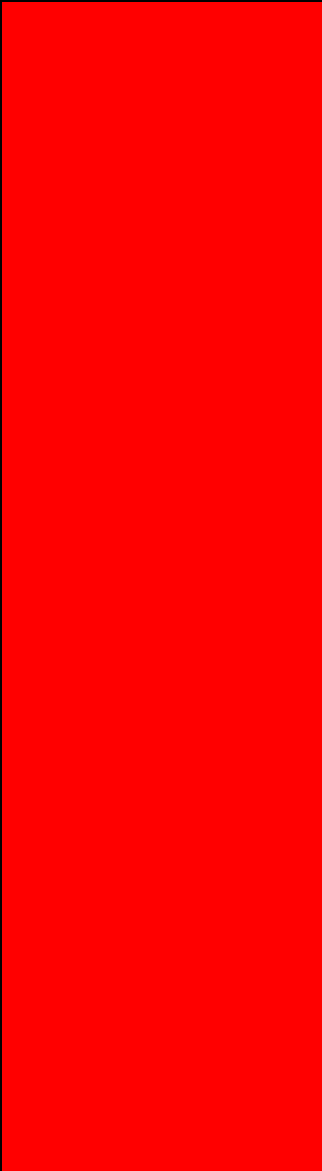
Question 2: A copy of the health and safety assessments completed for escalated bed spaces within the Trust’s hospitals.

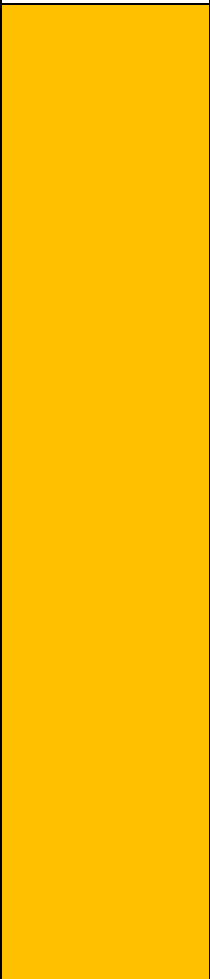
Response:

RAG (Red, Amber, Green) of Environment	Ligature Point Reference	Description of the Environment	Existing Control Measures	Further Action Required (resource/cost implications) (reporting and monitoring)
<p>Estates and Facilities Alert</p> <p>Assessment of ligature points</p> <p>Due to the nature of an open adult mental health inpatients it is not possible to eliminate all the risks so this risk assessment</p>	10	<p><u>Ligatures in areas assessed as red for the purpose of this ligature risk assessment</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handover and Safety Brief on commencement of shift 	<p>Ward Manager to consider reducing the need for fixed disability assistance equipment in both large bedrooms. This will require review of patient needs. If one disabled access bedroom is sufficient, arrange for removal of fixed items</p>
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	12	A) All 18 inpatient ensuite toilets per ward are classified as red areas (plus 3 contingency spaces) as patients are not in a direct line of sight and are behind the bedroom door that is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous individual clinical risk assessment and Multi-disciplinary working for patients 	
	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff trained in Basic Life support/STORM training for staff (Skills Training on the Risk Management Self Harm Mitigation-Suicide)/ASSIST training for staff (Applied 	<p>Ward Manager to consider replacing fixed shelf in the</p>

<p>is to review the existing control measures and consider reasonably practicable control measures</p>		<p>lockable by a patient from the inside.</p> <p>The Hand Towels holder, soap dispensers and toilet roll holders which were secured to the wall and may weight bear an individual (suspended strangulation) have been removed and replaced with a temporary alternative, which meets IPC requirements.</p> <p>Two of the ensuites have disabled access and include Disability Assistance Equipment. This equipment is required for patients needing further assistance.</p>	<p>Suicide Intervention Skills Training)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All doors to be locked when not in use. • Access to NI Ambulance service. • Staff observation • Ligature cutters available at all times to all staff. • Ligature Rescue Kits added to Emergency trolley. • All staff have a master key to access the bedroom if required • Datix Incident recording as per Incident reporting policy • Access to the Crash Team • 15 Minutely visual checks on patient's whereabouts with the 	<p>Tranquillity Room with a floating or removable alternative to further reduce the risk.</p> <p>Ward Manager to arrange for removal of current notice boards that can be easily pulled from the wall and replace with an alternative which could be a chalkboard or whiterock sheet. Link with C Horisk for action</p>
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		<p>Web infill rails have been installed.</p> <p>B) Patient toilet and visitors toilet in the main corridor of the ward have disability assistance equipment which have web infills. The toilet is classed as a red area as patients are not in a direct line of sight and are behind the locked door but it is a high traffic/green area and is locked when not in use.</p> <p>The Hand Towel holder, soap dispensers and toilet roll holders have been removed.</p>	<p>option to increase level of observation if clinically indicated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency alarm system with a prescribed system for maintenance and routine testing of these systems/alarms. • Senior Nurse holding the bleep • CCTV for incident review • Restricted access to sharps and harmful objects based on individual clinical risk assessment PQC • Search policy • Body scanner available • Normative staffing to increase staffing numbers of shift 	

		<p><u>All inpatient bedrooms and classed as RED.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bedroom doors pose a risk of being used as a ligature anchor point.• Disabled access bedrooms/contingency rooms have height adjustable electric profiling beds.• New lockers were installed in 2022, which continue to pose a weight bearing point.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-ligature saloon type doors instead of solid ensuite doors.• Staff can observed emergency lighting over patients doors to indicate that they are in the toilets.• Extra height MDF solid ceilings• Updates ligature rescue sessions provided to staff• Corridors are higher traffic area.• Staff will be aware of patients using toilets off the main corridor as they are locked when not in use.• Anti-ligature toilet and sanitary ware and anti-ligature taps	
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	<p>2 18 (Lockers) 18 (courtyard)</p>	<p>Due to bed pressures, there is increased use of temporary undesignated beds. These are being used in the quiet rooms. Replacement handles have further reduced the risk and have been added to the staff Health and Safety checklist to ensure these are locked in the evening. Individuals have no access to an ensuite so they have to use the disabled toilet on the ward. They do not have access to their own washing facilities. These rooms are not identified as bed rooms. While Portland chairs are used, they have a reduced ligature risk, there is still a potential risk. The Tranquility room can also be used as a contingency bedroom if the quiet rooms are already occupied and a 3rd additional bed is required. This room has a fixed shelf, which poses a ligature risk.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Minutely visual checks on patients • Emergency alarm system with a prescribed system for maintenance and routine testing of these systems/alarms. • Complete replacement of existing bedrooms windows to meet anti ligature/anti vandal standards. • Senior Nurse holding the bleep • Crash trolley/Oxygen/defibrillator available • Restricted access to sharps and harmful objects based on individual clinical risk assessment PQC • Search policy • Body scanner available • Review undertaken to manage the risk of the use of plastic bags as a means of self- harm. • All staff have master keys to access locked doors • Night lights/external lighting at night • Normative staffing to increase staffing numbers of shift • Maintenance of beds by Hill ROM. • Outdoor spaces are high trafficked areas with continuous staff presence or observation. • Ligature rescue sessions provided to staff • Quiet rooms are in high trafficked areas, one overlooked by the staff office. • Quiet room windows have been secured in a closed position to remove the likelihood of being used as a ligature point • All patients are risk assessed prior to the use of undesignated beds • Anti-ligature TV storage are used in quiet rooms

		<p>When used as a Tranquility room, this is a green area. The risk is higher when this room is required as a contingency bedroom.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows sealed closed to reduce access to ligature anchor point. This creates a Health and Safety concern due to lack of ventilation. Ligature risk outweighs ventilation requirements.
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