



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Midland Regional Hospital

# Linen Colour Coding System



## **Category 1**

### **Foul or Infected Linen**

All items in this category will be placed in water soluble/alginate bags. The bag is then placed in a red laundry bag which should be securely closed and sent to laundry.



## **Category 2**

### **White Soiled Linen**

Linen which has been used but has not been contaminated with body fluids. All items in this category will be placed in plain white laundry bags which should be securely closed and sent to laundry.



## **Category 3**

### **Coloured Items and Scrubs**

Body Linen, including underclothing, day and night wear, scrub suits from all areas except theatre and woollen articles. All coloured items must be segregated from whites as part of the laundry process and placed in blue bags and sent to laundry.



## **Category 4**

### **Theatre Linen**

All theatre linen shall be placed in a green laundry bag. Theatre Scrub Suits should be placed separately in a green laundry bag and sent to the laundry.