

	NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE BOARD INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE	Effective From	Dec 2022
	<b>LOOSE STOOLS</b> AIDE MEMOIRE	Review Date	Dec 2024
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[www.nhsggc.scot/hospitals-services/services-a-to-z/infection-prevention-and-control](http://www.nhsggc.scot/hospitals-services/services-a-to-z/infection-prevention-and-control)

## Loose Stools Aide Memoire

### Consult guidance and isolate in a single room with:

- ✓ ensuite / own commode
- ✓ door closed
- ✓ IPC yellow sign on door
- ✓ Send specimen microbiology/virology
- ✓ dedicated equipment
- ✓ bowel movement record
- ✓ **Loose Stools Care Checklist** completed daily

**Patient  
Assessed  
Daily**

No

Patient has been asymptomatic for >48 hours?

Yes

- ✓ Stop isolation
- ✓ Undertake terminal clean of room

### Loose Stools Guidance –

#### Guidelines for patients in isolation:

**Hand Hygiene:** Liquid Soap and Water

**PPE:** Disposable gloves, yellow apron and fluid resistant surgical mask. Staff should risk assess the need for eye/face protection

**Patient Environment:** Twice daily chlorine clean

**Patient Equipment:** Chlorine clean after use and at least on a twice daily basis

**Laundry:** Treat as infected

**Waste:** Dispose of as Clinical / Healthcare waste

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