

# Pressure relieving mattress and wheelchair cushion maintenance

## Quality assurance

### Foam mattress

- 1 Daily Visual check for mattress cover tear, discolouration
- 2 Weekly Perform fist test (refer to guidance link)
- 3 Monthly Unzip cover and check condition of foam e.g. presence of stains, water ingress

### Air mattress

- 1 Daily Visual check for mattress cover tear, discolouration
- 2 Fault alarm Refer to Quick Glance user guide to troubleshoot

If fault persists after troubleshooting attempt, transfer patient to a foam mattress and complete TVN referral form for replacement of air mattress

## Decontamination

### Foam and air mattresses

- 1 Daily surface cleaning using Clinell wipes before application of new bed linen
- 2 If there is an IPC precaution (e.g. Clostridium Difficile), use Tristel and Jay cloth for daily surface cleaning
- 3 6 monthly external decontaminations for air mattresses

### Wheelchair cushion

- 1 Daily surface cleaning with Clinell wipes
- 2 If there is an IPC precaution (e.g. Clostridium Difficile), use Tristel and Jay cloth for daily surface cleaning
- 3 If cushion cover is soaked with body fluids – please refer to and follow the correct laundry management guideline

