

**THE MATRIX OF SECURITY IS AN EXCERPT OF THE DEFINITIONS OF LEVELS OF SECURITY REPORT**

Table 7 The Matrix of Security

ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY					
Delineator	LOW			Medium	High
	Open ward	IPCU/locked rehab	Locked forensic unit/ward		
<b>DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION</b>					
Perimeter (e.g. fence)	Standard hospital specifications		No secure perimeter, but secure outside area. Secure external windows	No secure perimeter, but secure outside area. Secure external windows. Deterrent perimeter fence with motion sensors	5.2m secure fence, additional motion detection perimeter
Control of access to the site	Standard hospital specifications	double locked doors		electronic airlock	Airport level security
Building design to deter escape	Standard hospital specifications - not specifically designed to deter escape	Specifically designed to deter escape		robust construction able to deter and delay determined escape	robust construction able to withstand determined escape with tools
Window / door security	Standard hospital specifications	Window restrictors / reinforced windows	Doors opening outward (interview room and bedroom), window restrictors / reinforced windows	Keypad entry, internal doors reinforced. Communicating doors alarmed if kept open. Two way opening (interview room and bedroom) doors, reinforced windows with anti-smuggling grid on external windows.	Prison service approved locks, airlock systems some break-proof windows, some use of electronic control of doors. No external windows
Furniture design	standard hospital furniture			Heavy and robust	
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>					
X-ray / metal detector / ion detector	None routinely used	Hand held metal detector			xray machine, arch and handheld metal detector, ion detector, sniffer dogs from partner organisations if required
Personal alarm systems	Standard personal alarms	location specific		location specific - response team alerted by pager	location specific security alerted and tannoy to hospital campus and response team
Physical restraints	None used				handcuffs for exceptional leave
Campus observation (CCTV)	Limited to specific locations			Complete external, point of access, air locks, kept 2 weeks	complete campus and perimeter, kept 3 weeks
Availability of additional secure area for behaviourally disturbed patients	None	normal bedrooms used		Individual additional secure area available with bedroom and living area	A range of individual secure areas with bedroom and living space

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<b>PROCEDURAL SECURITY</b>				
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	<b>Open ward</b>	<b>IPCU/locked rehab</b>		
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
Patients phone calls	No restriction except in “exceptional circumstances”		Can be monitored or stopped	
Patients letters/mail	Can be monitored in a limited way – Section 117 MH(S) A 1984			All post X rayed. Can be monitored - Section 117 MH(S) A 1984 - with additional statutory powers
Patients electronic mail / access to the internet	Not supervised if available	Supervised access on site unsupervised off site		no access
Staff communications	unrestricted received mail			received mail is x-rayed
<b>ITEMS – RESTRICTED (or prohibited)</b>				
Searching patients	As warranted by individual risk assessment	On admission including possessions and as warranted by individual risk assessment - random searches following LOA	On admission, following LOA, regular personal – and regular room searches.	
Searching visitors, official visitors, staff	none routine		None routine – but secure lockers available for bags (not allowed in patient areas)	Searched if metal detectors are set off and random entrance and egress searches. Bags searched if suspicious item seen in x-ray imaging.
Drug access/screening	Screening dependant on clinical need	Urinary drug screening on basis of clinical need and on admission & random screening		
Alcohol access/screening	Access to alcohol on leave approved by MDT. Alcometer available			No access to alcohol permitted
Access to pornographic materials and/or materials portraying violence	MDT discretion, individual patients		Routine screening and controlled access	
<b>ITEMS – Daily living equipment</b>				
Cutlery	supervised meals	Restricted metal cutlery - counted after use, supervised meals		
OT equipment (e.g. kitchen)	MDT approval		graduated access following individual risk assessment and MDT approval	
Fire setting materials (e.g. cigarette lighters)	Dependant on individual risk assessment	Controlled/ limited access, no fire setting material with patients		
<b>ITEMS - Access to money, valuables and belongings</b>				
Access to belongings	At MDT discretion		Limited number of items and limited access	

Access to money/valuables	Dependant on individual assessment of capacity	Dependant on individual assessment of capacity. May be restricted	Dependant on individual assessment of capacity. May also be restricted on LOA to reduce absconsion risk	Dependant on individual assessment of capacity. Money and valuables are also restricted on site and on LOA for security reasons
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<b>PEOPLE- visitors</b>					
Visitor ID and approval	Not generally required			Identification required. Prior approval by MDT, Unit policy. Visitors must agree code of conduct	Identification required then special ID provided and checked on exit. Prior approval by MDT. Visitors must agree code of conduct
<b>PEOPLE- Child Visitors</b>					
Child visiting policy	Nursing staff discretion	approved by MDT		Social work assessment required, approval via MDT	
Visiting arrangements procedure	Specified visiting areas (other restrictions dependant on risk present at time)			Special family visiting room away from clinical area	Special family visiting suite away from clinical area
<b>PEOPLE- Internal Movement between clinical areas in a psychiatric facility</b>					
Patients	may be escorted			Escorted within Unit – no access to administrative areas	Grounds access for some patients - monitored by CCTV, some escorted, prohibited areas in the campus
Visitors / official visitors	may be escorted	Escorted			Escorted - bussed to location of visit
Staff	None			Not limited, but electronically recorded	electronically recorded and restricted access to some areas
Provision of recreations/therapies	Range – with majority off ward			On Unit wide range of secure activities. Range off-site available	On campus range of secure activities

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<b>PEOPLE- Patient absence from the hospital</b>					
Routine pass (e.g. "testing out")	Standard hospital policy		Unit policies including individual risk assessment		Usually a minimum of two escorting staff
Exceptional LOA (e.g. court, hospital)	Standard hospital policy		Unit policies including individual risk assessment.	Unit policies including individual risk assessment. Local police informed.	handcuff meeting, police liaison, more escorting staff
Prevention and management of absconsion	Standard hospital policy			Unit policies – description card (ID) completed every time a patients leaves clinic and returns, key information and risk assessment given to police in case of absconsion	Individual risk assessment for each LOA, usual to have 2 or more staff escorting. Individual risk assessment of grounds access. Range of multi-agency contingency plans, network of sirens
Prevention and management of escape	Standard hospital policy			Unit policy. Key information and risk assessment given to police	Contingency planning, liaison with police, siren
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
Policies	General hospital policies	General hospital policy. Some unit policies	General hospital policy. Some forensic unit policies	Detailed forensic unit policies	High secure forensic hospital policies
Contingency planning	limited contingency planning		Multi-agency planning for evacuation, escape and absconsion		range of multi-agency contingencies for hostage, riot, escape, barricade, rooftop