



Portable fans used in clinical areas have been linked to cross infection in health and social care facilities.

Manufacturer guidance should ideally be followed as to the maintenance and cleaning of bladed fans.

Fans should not be used during outbreaks. Contact the infection prevention team for advice.

Management and cleaning guidance TGIC

- Only purchase fans that can be opened without a screw driver to clean.
- Fans should ideally be used for single patient use.

Cleaning

- Whilst in use the domestic or clinical staff must wipe the outside of the fan daily with Medipal 3 in 1 wipes.
- Following single patient use the fan should be opened and all blades cleaned with Medipal 3 in 1 wipes (including the outside), then an 'I am clean' label applied and the fan stored for future use.
- If fans cannot be opened to be cleaned as above these must be sent to estates to be decontaminated.



Non-bladed fans similar to these here are should not be used in clinical areas across the Trust