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**Subject:** Details of Infection Control Equipment and guidelines

**Q1** Current Infection Control Equipment:

- a. What specific equipment or systems are currently in use within your hospital to prevent the release of infected air particles from infectious patients into other patient care areas?
- b. How long have you been using these systems?

- A1**
- a. No specific equipment is used to prevent the use of infected air. We have Negative pressure cubicles (Minusa) in each area for the isolation of patients under airborne precautions. These are HEPA filtered. We also have four rooms on critical care for the placement of HCID patients.
  - b. Negative pressure cubicles were installed at time of Hospital construction. The HCID cubicles were modified in the last two years.

**Q2** Decision-Making Factors:

Are there any specific standards protocols or guidelines that you follow when evaluating or procuring equipment to avoid air particle contamination between patients?

**A2** Information not held – We does not have any specific standards protocols or guidelines. However, we have a Ventilation group that has been recently set up that would advise.

**Q3** Budget and Decision Authority:

Which person or department within your trust is responsible for overseeing the budget related to infectious disease prevention equipment and procurement decisions?

**A3** Budget for equipment would be identified as the result of a business case which would have to be approved at Trust board. The IPC budget /infectious diseases budget wouldn't cover this.