MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR OPERATION ROOM

ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT

Treatment Room

- A room of at least 17.5m² used exclusively as a treatment or minor operation room.
- Couch in a central position to be accessed on both sides.
- Adequate lighting, ventilation and heating.
- Room for a dressing trolley.
- Privacy – conversation should not be overheard.
- Sheets – disposable – or roll paper available for each patient.
- Spot lighting – suitable for eye and vaginal examination and for minor operations.
- Electrical sockets – sufficient for any electrical equipment.
- Hand basin – preferable with elbow taps, paper towels, liquid cleanser dispenser or antiseptic hand wash.
- Step-stool.
- Washable floor covering (non-slip)
- Good access for stretcher.

Preparation Area/Room

- May either be part of the Treatment Room or an adjoining room.
- Sinks for instrument cleaning, specimen disposal and hand washing, with provision for instrument cleaning equipment, soap and paper towels.
- Autoclave or Hot Air Sterilizer which cannot be opened during cycle.
- Sharps disposal box (As provided by an accredited Hygiene System, or a local hospital arrangement – details to be notified to the LHB).

- Clinical waste bin
- Clean waste bin
- Easily cleaned, hygienic working surfaces and floor covering (non-slip)
- Dressings trolleys/trays

Basic Equipment

- CSSD packs where available
- Resuscitation kit eg. Brooks airway
- Sterile dressings
- Instruments – dressing forceps, scissors, sinus forceps, artery forceps, stitch holders, scalpels, aural forceps, stitch cutters.
- Speculae
- Tongue depressors
- Bowls and receivers
- Instrument trays
- Sutures
- Steristrips
- Medicate dressings
- Sterile dressings, strapping, slings
- Sphygmomanometer, stethoscope, auriscope
- Syringes
- Needles
- Thermometer
- Gloves
- Lab. bottles, slides and swabs, transportation solution
- Protoscope
- Oxygen
- Airways
- Sponge holders
- Orange sticks