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The following publications are now available from the Publications page of the NHS Wales Shared Services website. <http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/whb>

 **WHBN 00-04 – Circulation and communication spaces**
<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/WHBN%2000-04.pdf>

This Welsh Health Building Note provides guidance on the design of circulation and communication spaces in hospitals and other healthcare buildings, including corridors, internal lobbies and stairs, and lifts. It also provides supporting information on doors and handrails. It superseded Health Building Note 00-04.

 **WHBN 00-10 - Part A: Flooring**
<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/WHBN%2000-10%20Part%20A.pdf>

This WHBN outlines the policy and performance requirements for flooring used in healthcare facilities. These requirements are a set of essential standards of quality and safety that flooring must comply with. It supersedes Health Technical Memorandum 61.

 **WHBN 00-10 - Part B: Walls and ceilings**
<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/254/WHBN%2000-10%20Part%20B.pdf>

This WHBN outlines the policy and performance requirements for walls and ceilings used in healthcare facilities. These requirements are a set of essential standards of quality and safety that walls and ceilings must comply with. It supersedes Health Technical Memoranda 56 and 60.

WHTM 01-06 Decontamination of flexible endoscopes - Part A Policy and management

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/docmetadata.cfm?orgid=254&id=328051>

This Welsh Health technical Memorandum sets out the Welsh Government's policy for an endoscope decontamination service. The document covers flexible endoscope management and decontamination only. Clinical issues relating to endoscopy or the manufacture of Automated Endoscope Reprocessors (AERs) are not discussed.

Furthermore, this document does not cover the processing of flexible endoscopes used to examine sterile body sites. These endoscopes should be sterile, possibly using low temperature gas sterilization, and may be the subject of future guidance.

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