



Seclusion Room

Room Code	SECL
Briefed Area	14.00 m ²
Ceiling Height	3.3 m
Occupancy	1 patient as required; 1-2 staff as required
Hours of Operation	24 hours

Description | A Seclusion Room provides a safe space for the sole confinement of a distressed or agitated person requiring separation for short periods at any hour of the day or night on an involuntary basis.

Electrical	PROTECTION: body protected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HVAC	AIRCONDITIONING: general	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	PROTECTION: cardiac protected	<input type="checkbox"/>		AIRCONDITIONING: HEPA filtered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting	LIGHTING: general	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIRCONDITIONING: positive pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	LIGHTING: colour corrected	<input type="checkbox"/>	AIRCONDITIONING: negative pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	LIGHTING: dimmable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VENTILATION: exhaust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	LIGHTING: indirect	<input type="checkbox"/>	VENTILATION: supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nurse Call and Duress	NURSE CALL SYSTEM: buttons / handset	<input type="checkbox"/>	VENTILATION: natural	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NURSE CALL SYSTEM: annunciator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Gas	MEDICAL GAS: general anaesthesia	<input type="checkbox"/>
	DURESS: fixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MEDICAL GAS: special care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	DURESS: wireless coverage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MEDICAL GAS: special care, neonatal ventilation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security	ACCESS CONTROL: to door	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MEDICAL GAS: birthing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ACCESS CONTROL: to item / joinery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydraulic	WATER: drinking	<input type="checkbox"/>
	INTERCOM: service communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		WATER: specialty	<input type="checkbox"/>
	INTERCOM: security and access control	<input type="checkbox"/>		DRAINAGE: sanitary	<input type="checkbox"/>
	CCTV: camera coverage within room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DRAINAGE: specialty	<input type="checkbox"/>
	INTRUSION DETECTION: door monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire	DETECTION: smoke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTRUSION DETECTION: spatial monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	DETECTION: heat		<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT and Audio Visual	AUDIO VISUAL: patient entertainment system	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shielding	SHIELDING: ionising radiation	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AUDIO VISUAL: visitor experience system	<input type="checkbox"/>		SHIELDING: magnetic and radio frequency	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AUDIO VISUAL: virtual collaboration system	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acoustics	SPEECH PRIVACY:	
	AUDIO VISUAL: clinical support system	<input type="checkbox"/>		not private moderate private confidential	
	AUDIO VISUAL: digital operating room system	<input type="checkbox"/>		NOISE SENSITIVITY:	
Accessibility	AUDIO: hearing augmentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	not sensitive low medium high		
	VISUAL: luminance contrast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOISE GENERATION:		
	SIGNAGE: accessible, statutory	<input type="checkbox"/>	low moderate high very high		

Additional Considerations

- The design of the Seclusion room should take into account future flexibility for conversion to another function (e.g. de-escalation room, sensory room, etc.) when services are able to phase out the practice of seclusion through changes in models of care.
- All fittings and fixtures used must be of a type manufactured and marketed as anti-ligature. Requirements for the selection of suitable finishes, hardware, fixtures and fittings (including any weight limits for load release for certain fixtures) must be confirmed at project level based on service requirements, patient safety policies, local design guidance, risk assessments and confirmation of operational models. This includes the door, door hardware, joinery surfaces, joinery hardware, engineering services outlets and any ceiling mounted fixtures and services. All tamper proof and anti-ligature items must be installed in accordance with their manufacturer's instructions.
- All glazing (including external windows) is to be Grade A safety glass to comply with AS/NZS 2208 and AS 1288. Toughened and laminated glass with a structural interlayer is recommended. Additional requirements for glazing are to be confirmed at project

level to suit the specific mental health environment. Jurisdictional policies may require an increase in the thickness of the glass for a Seclusion Room.

- Provision of a clear zone outside the seclusion room is required for safe access by the patient and staff, for continuous staff observation, and to support consumer privacy and dignity. An observation window is required with height to suit observation from a seated position. Placement and size of the window is to be confirmed to maximise visibility to all areas of the room. A secondary observation window on an adjacent wall may be provided for improved visibility dependent on layout.
- An outward opening, single leaf (min 1200mm clear opening) solid door is to be provided. The door and door frame are to be robust and designed with no sharp edges and no element of the door hinges is to protrude into the Seclusion Room. The design must ensure that the consumer cannot open it or use any element of it for self-harm. The doors must be fitted with robust door hinges, door support structure and electric strike security. It is recommended that multi-point locking bolts are to be provided to both the hinge and latch sides of the door to secure the door leaf at the top, middle and bottom (or provision of an equivalent robust locking mechanism). Lock requirements are to be confirmed at project level to suit local jurisdictional policies and operational service requirements.
- It is recommended that the door set is selected as a full assembly to ensure the leaf, frame and hardware are coordinated and meet all tamper proof, anti-ligature and anti-barricade requirements when used together.
- No potential ligature points or sharp edges are permitted to any corners, doors, door frames, and window frames (external and internal) within this room. All fittings should be flush/recessed.
- Robustness of construction/finishes to be suitable for high impact. Floor, wall and ceiling construction must meet all relevant standards and jurisdictional policies.
- A clock must be located within the area outside the seclusion room and be visible from within the seclusion room (i.e. through the observation window or door vision panel).
- Direct/close access to a toilet/ensuite may be required to suit jurisdictional policies. Design of the door to the ensuite (e.g. hinged, sliding, etc.), access control and observation requirements are to be confirmed to inform inclusion of ensuite. Where direct access to a toilet/ensuite is provided from within the seclusion room, observation windows and an additional door for staff access may be required from the corridor.
- Direct/close access to an outdoor space may be considered to support future flexibility for use of this room as a de-escalation space.
- An external outlook is desirable. Access to natural light is required. Controls for integral blinds to external windows to be located in the staff observation area.
- Provision of an observation camera within the seclusion room, with video feed displayed to the staff member in the observation area outside of the room, may be considered subject to jurisdictional policies.
- Acoustic separation and treatment to be considered carefully to minimise disruption to other consumers, along with physical distance from communal (lounge and dining) and sleeping areas.
- Room lighting must be dimmable and/or have controlled switching to allow for the provision of a low stimulus environment. Provision of lighting to provide sensory input as per therapeutic care plans may be considered based on service requirements and operational models.
- Ceiling recessed speakers have been shown as optional depending on service requirements. Speaker connection requirements are to be confirmed if included. Music input is to be controlled from a device/control panel in the staff observation area. Inclusion of controls within the seclusion room to support self-regulation by consumers is subject to jurisdictional policies and models of care.
- The ability for a patient and staff to communicate is required. Where this is not possible through the door, a two-way intercom within the seclusion room may be considered subject to jurisdictional policies.
- Mobile duress coverage is to be assessed and planned at a department level and coverage is to meet local security and WHS policies as well as operational service requirements. The location of Wi-Fi access points is to be carefully considered to ensure strong coverage is provided for mobile duress functions.
- Air-conditioning vents/grilles are to be flush, and of the type manufactured and marketed as tamper proof and anti-ligature. Local temperature control to the staff observation area may to be considered.
- Leakage protection devices (LPDs) such as residual current devices (RCDs) that cover the electrical services within this Standard Component are assumed to be provided in a central area within the unit (e.g. at a staff station). Location is to be confirmed at project level.



Doors and Windows

CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT
DOHI-019.12	DOOR: hinged, 1 leaf, 1200 clear opening, solid, anti-ligature and anti-barricade, standard vision panel, with integral blind	

CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT
AFDPR-006.01	DOOR PROTECTION: plate, to 900H	optional; to corridor side if provided; provision dependent on leaf material and finish
AFDPR-006.05	DOOR PROTECTION: plate, full height	optional; to room side if provided; provision dependent on leaf material and finish
WIFX-057.04	WINDOW: fixed, internal, double glazed, sill at 900H, with integral blind	for observation from staff area; control for blinds external to room
WIOP-262.03	WINDOW: operable, jockey sash, external, double glazed, sill at 1650H, with integral blind, tamper proof, anti-ligature	blinds controlled from staff area
WIOP-262.03	WINDOW: operable, jockey sash, external, double glazed, sill at 1650H, with integral blind, tamper proof, anti-ligature	blinds controlled from staff area



Finishes

CODE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT
FLVY-102	FLOOR FINISH: vinyl, seamless, standard slip resistance, cushioned	
FLSK-022	SKIRTING: vinyl, integral with floor vinyl, coved, tamper proof, anti-ligature	
WLFI-002	WALL FINISH: paint, clinical areas	
CLFS-014	CEILING: flush set, suspended, impact resistant	consider plywood backing to ceiling finish
CLCN-031	CORNICE: square set	



Fittings, Furniture and Equipment (FF&E)

CODE	DESCRIPTION	GROUP	QTY	COMMENT
FIBM-216	MIRROR: fixed, convex, indoor, tamper proof, anti-ligature, quarter dome, wall and ceiling mounted	1	1	
ITAV-102	CONTROL PANEL: AV system, wall mounted	1	1	to staff observation area
ITAV-152	SPEAKER: AV system, ceiling recessed	1	2	optional; connection requirements to be confirmed; music source to be controlled from device in staff observation area
MMBE-184	MATTRESS: patient, tamper proof, anti-ligature, with sealed seams	3	1	



Engineering Services

CODE	DESCRIPTION	GROUP	QTY	COMMENT
AHWHC-001	CONTROL PANEL: integral blinds, remote operation, wall mounted	1	1	to staff observation area
ELGP-201	GPO: double, wall mounted	1	1	to staff observation area
ELSW-021	SWITCH: light, dimmer	1	1	to staff observation area
ITSE-061	BUTTON: security, duress, fixed, wall mounted	1	1	to staff observation area

For guidance on how to use the Room Data Sheet, please visit the [AusHFG website](#).