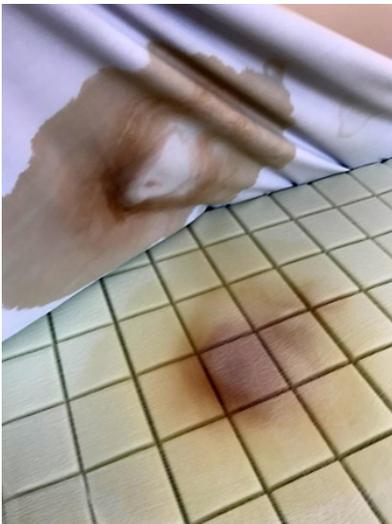


A mattress... is only as good as its cover.



**Please refer to the IPC
Audit tool:
Mattresses in Care Homes**

- **Inspect** the exterior surface of each mattress cover for signs of damage, such as holes or cuts
- **Remove** the cover and inspect its inside surface and the mattress core for staining or contamination
- **Safely** dispose of any covers showing signs of damage or staining
- **Contaminated** mattress cores to be cleaned and decontaminated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or arrange for their safe disposal
- **Visually** inspect mattress daily when bed is made
- **Ensure** that a frequent, ie monthly inspection regime is established for all mattresses

Adapted from MHRA, 2013.
<https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/medical-device-alert-all-types-of-bed-mattresses-contamination-through-damaged-mattresses-or-covers>