

Patient Environment Action Teams (PEAT)

PEAT is an annual assessment of inpatient healthcare sites in England that have more than 10 beds.

It is a benchmarking tool to ensure improvements are made in the non-clinical aspects of patient care, such as cleanliness, food and infection control.

The assessment results help to highlight areas for improvement and share best practice across healthcare organisations in England.

About PEAT

PEAT is self assessed and provides a framework for inspecting standards to demonstrate how well individual healthcare organisations believe they are performing in key areas including:

- food
- cleanliness
- infection control
- patient environment (including bathroom areas, lighting, floors and patient areas)

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The scores demonstrate how well individual healthcare providers believe they are performing in key areas including food, cleanliness, infection control and patient environment (including bathroom areas, décor, lighting, floors and patient areas).

[NHS sites](#) and [NHS trusts](#) are each given scores from 1 (unacceptable) to 5 (excellent) for standards of environment, food and dignity and privacy within buildings).

Assessments are carried out by NHS staff (nurses, matrons, doctors, catering and domestic service managers, executive and non-executive directors, dieticians and estates directors).

Patients, patient representatives and members of the public are also part of this assessment process.

For more information visit their website: www.npsa.nhs.uk/peat/