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Fire Engineering

Converting
Engineering Experience
to Design Excellence

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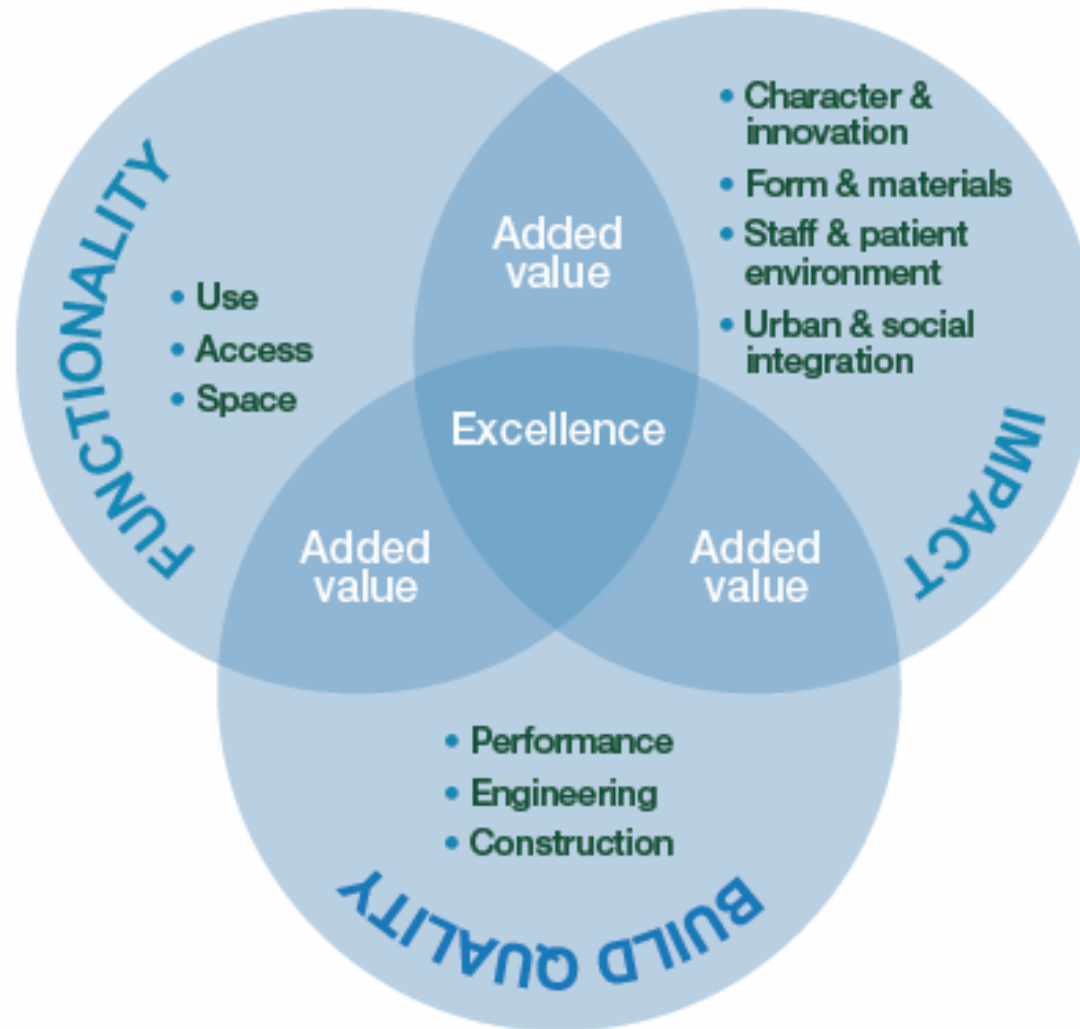
Association of Fire Consultants

Rambøll SAFE



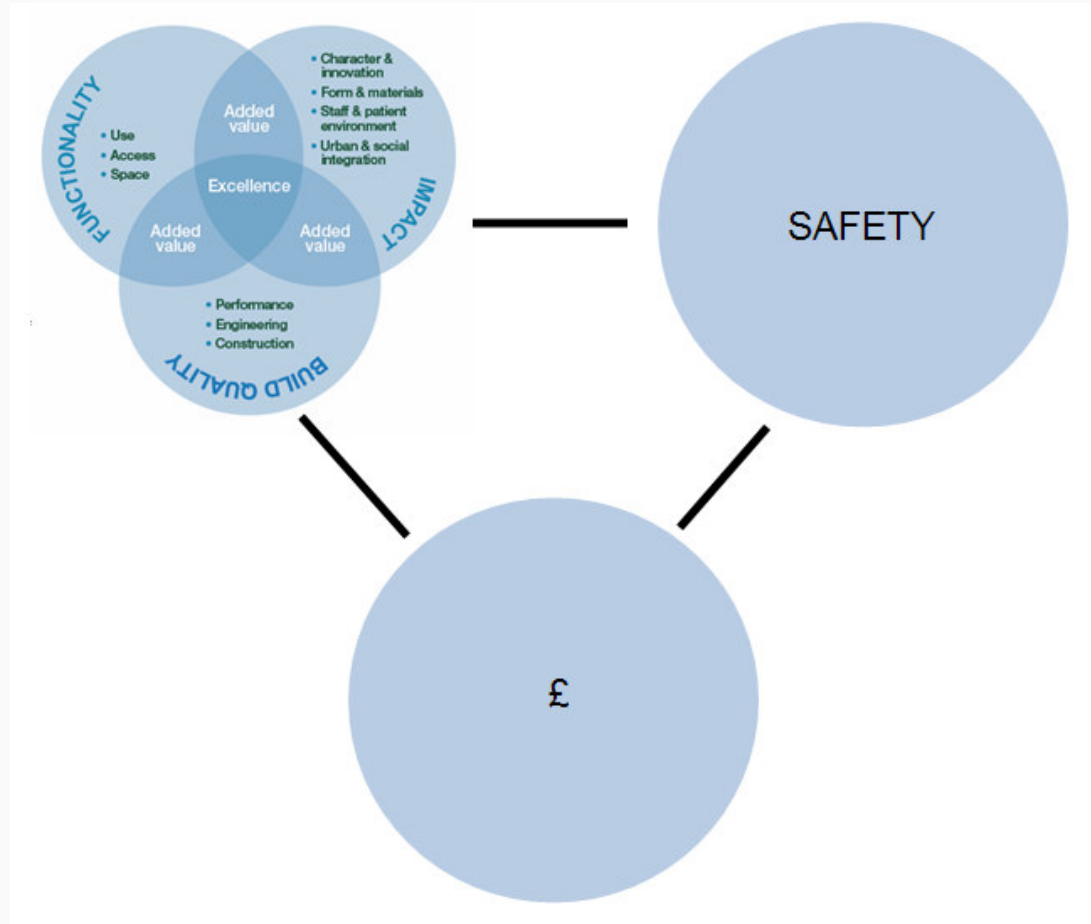
- SAFE - Fire Engineering group in Rambøll
- Involved in £3bn+ healthcare projects

Design Excellence - AEDET



Vitruvius (80-15BC): “firmitas, utilitas, venustas”

Design Excellence



Objectives

- facilitate an informed discussion
- highlight the benefits of a framework for common understanding in healthcare fire safety.
- develop coordinated and coherent guidance,
- ensure consistent understanding and application;
- form the basis for continuous improvement and ingenious, robust design solutions;
- enable better fire safety management;
- to deliver better hospitals, with less risk, in less time; **to capitalise on engineering experience and achieve design excellence.**

Challenges



Victoria Hospital Acute

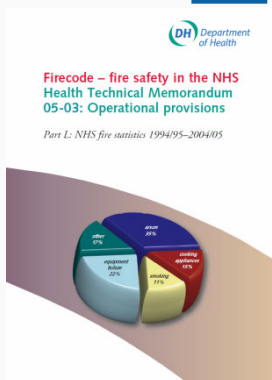


Forth Valley Acute

- Disparities in standards of safety in “complementary” guidance documents;
- Lack of clarity on performance within guidance documents;
- Subjectivity in interpretation of guidance;
- Incorrect guidance;
- Undue process.

DoH NHS Fire Statistics

- 10,662 fire incidents reported (England & Wales)
- £14.6m cost
 - ▲ does not include the costs for 2002/03. This is because of a single serious fire incident resulting in £10m damage, and the DoH considered that including this would have shown an unbalanced trend
- 17 fatalities and 651 injuries. Ten of these fatalities occurred on mental health wards
- since 1994, not been a fire incident that involved more than one fatality
- detailed data from 2004/2005 indicates that 84% of reported fires were confined to the room of fire origin
- DoH concluded from these statistics that FIRECODE is providing an appropriate standard of fire safety.



Sprinklers



LIVE

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No sprinklers for £300m hospital

Fire safety concerns have been raised over NHS Forth Valley's plans not to use sprinklers in a new £300m hospital.

The Fire Brigades Union criticised the health authority for the move and said it showed profits were being put first.



The new hospital is being built to replace those in Falkirk and Stirling

NHS Forth Valley said there were "more appropriate" measures which had been adopted for the hospital.

Work on the new "super hospital" at Larbert, which will replace Falkirk and Stirling infirmaries, is due to be completed in December 2009.

The project is among Scotland's biggest public private partnership (PPP) hospital contracts.

Current legislation dictates that a sprinkler system must be fitted in all care homes and sheltered housing.

However, the law is yet to be extended to cover their installation in all new-build schools and hospitals.

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March 23, 2008

MRSA and C difficile superbug deaths at 10,000 a year

[Lois Rogers](#)

The number of patients in British hospitals dying from superbug infections has reached more than 10,000 every year, according to an expert.

The new figure is about 20% higher than the official toll of 8,000 a year.

Mark Enright, professor of molecular epidemiology at Imperial College London, said that the real number of those succumbing to methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and *Clostridium difficile* (C difficile) in the UK is higher than the government's records show.

"I think it is at least 10,000 a year," he said. "A lot of people are never tested for these infections and their deaths are put down to something else."

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Atria

- BS 5588-7 superseded by BS9999 in April 2009
- BS 9999 does not apply to healthcare premises
- HTM05-03 Part M under development



Broomfield Hospital
Chelmsford

- Should required performance simply be to provide an equivalent level of safety to a hospital without an atrium?
- Is a courtyard a similar concern?

BS 5588-7 Atria



■ Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital Brighton

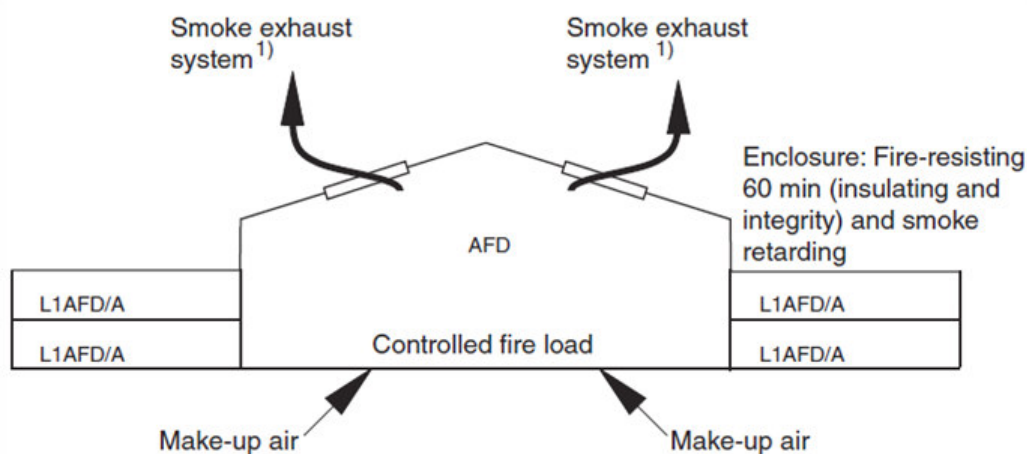
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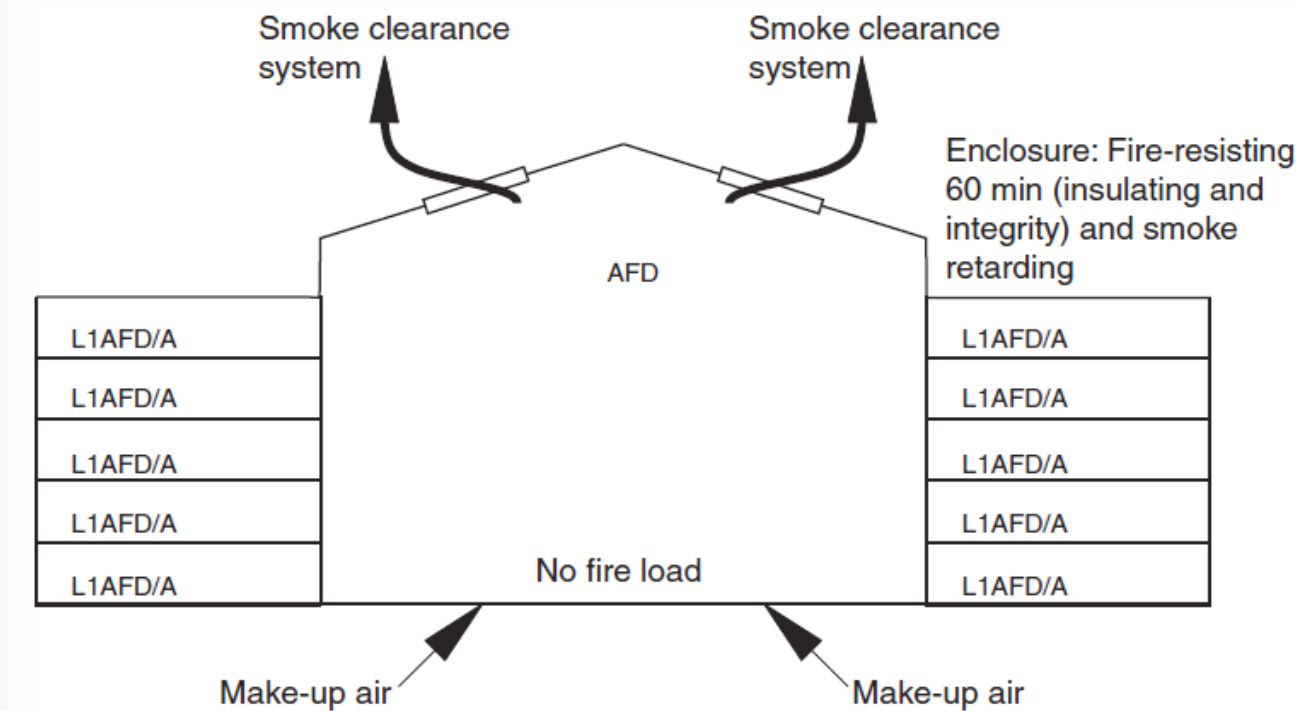
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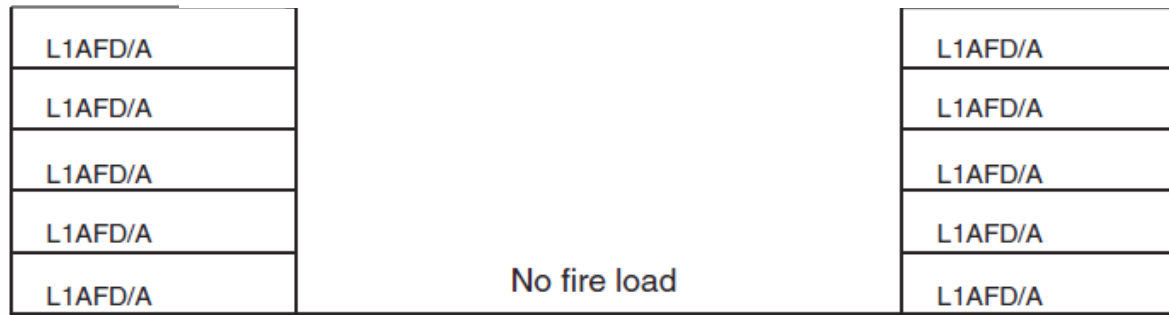


NOTE 1 The following facilities should not be provided in the atrium: sleeping accommodation, nursing or medical care, balcony seating areas.

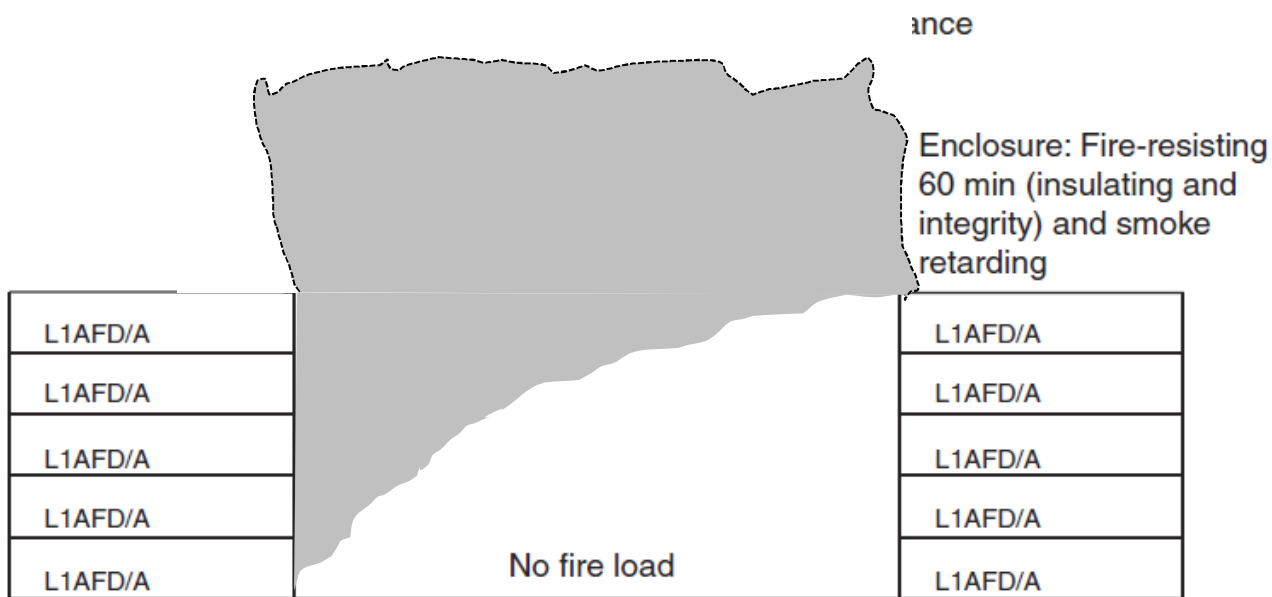
Exhaust Area = 10% of Area of Atrium Base

- a) It is essential that there should be sufficient provision of make-up air, with a velocity into the atria base not exceeding 2 ms^{-1} for the proper functioning of any smoke ventilation, temperature control or smoke clearance system specified for the atrium.
- d) The maximum velocity of air passing through an escape route should be 5 ms^{-1} and the smoke control system should be designed to avoid excessive pressures opposing the opening of escape doors located in the air flow [see 24.62].

HTM0503 Part M Atria



HTM0503 Part M Atria



Travel Distance / Escape Times

- What are appropriate travel distances and escape times



SHTM82- Void Detection

■ HTM82

- voids and roof spaces of any depth which contain only:
 - (i) mineral insulated wiring or wiring laid on metal trays or in metal conduits; and/or
 - (ii) non-combustible pipes and ductwork.

■ SHTM82

- voids and roof spaces which contain only:
 - (i) mineral insulated wiring or wiring laid on metal trays or in metal conduits; and/or
 - (ii) metal pipes or plastic pipes used for water supply or drainage; and/or
 - (iii) non-combustible ductwork.

HTM05-03 Part D

Commercial Enterprises

Queens Park Hospital Blackburn



- Sprinklers;
- smoke extract;
- fire enclosure of unit;
- compartmentation of commercial area;
- a smoke control system to maintain a clear layer 1 m above head-height on circulation routes;
- ventilated lobbies between the commercial area and any surrounding in-patient departments.

HTM05-03 Part D

Commercial Enterprises

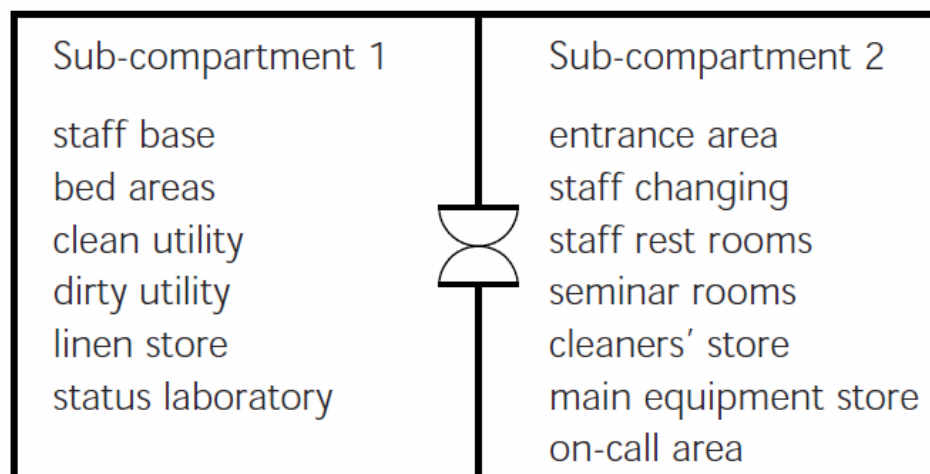
- **Commercial enterprise**
Any undertaking established on hospital premises or within part of a building forming a hospital to which persons, including members of the public, may resort for the purposes of trading or business, whether such transactions are for gain or not, and whether the undertaking forms the whole or part of a private venture or a healthcare organisation's activity;



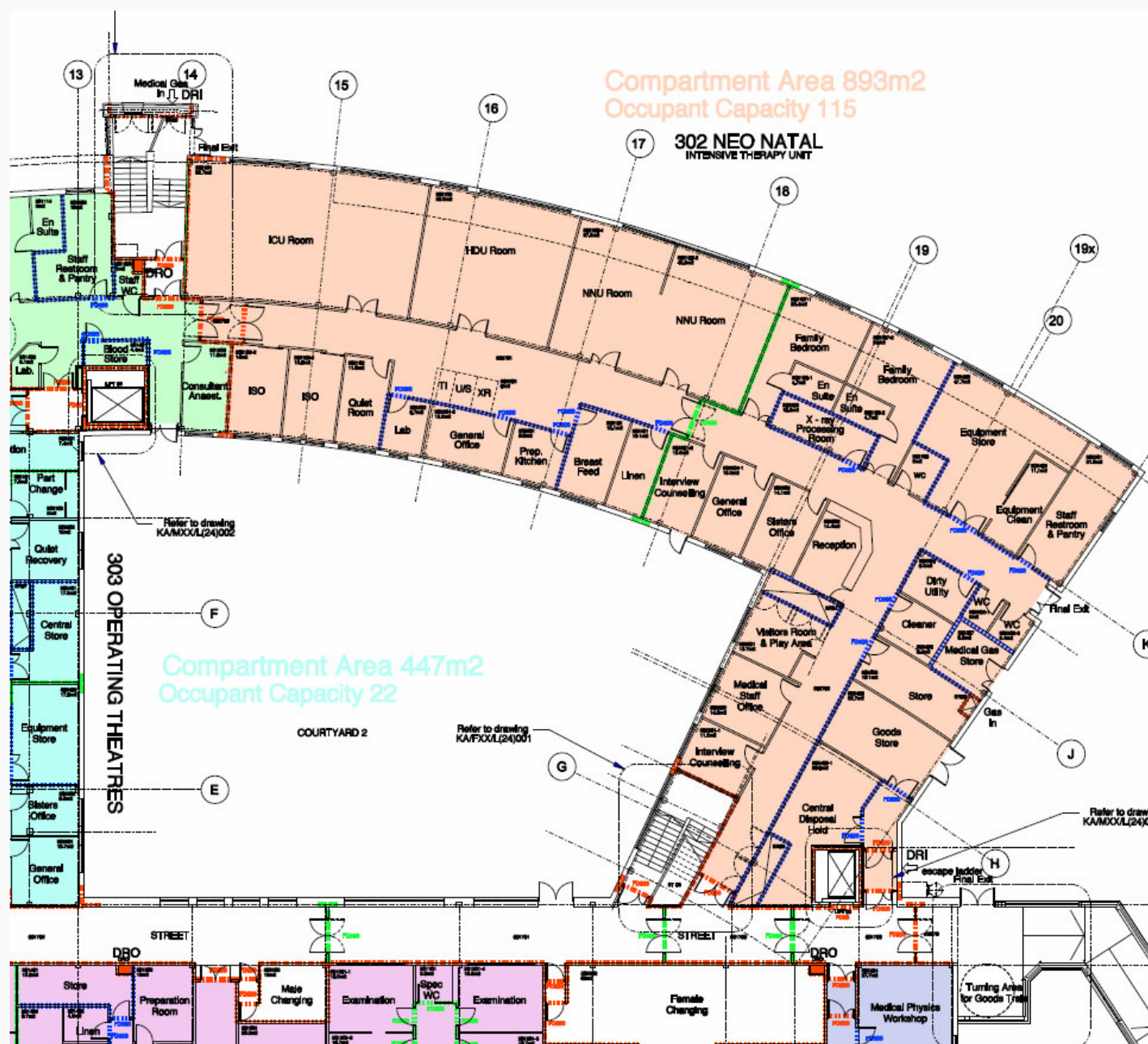
■ Section 2.B.1:

Intensive therapy units

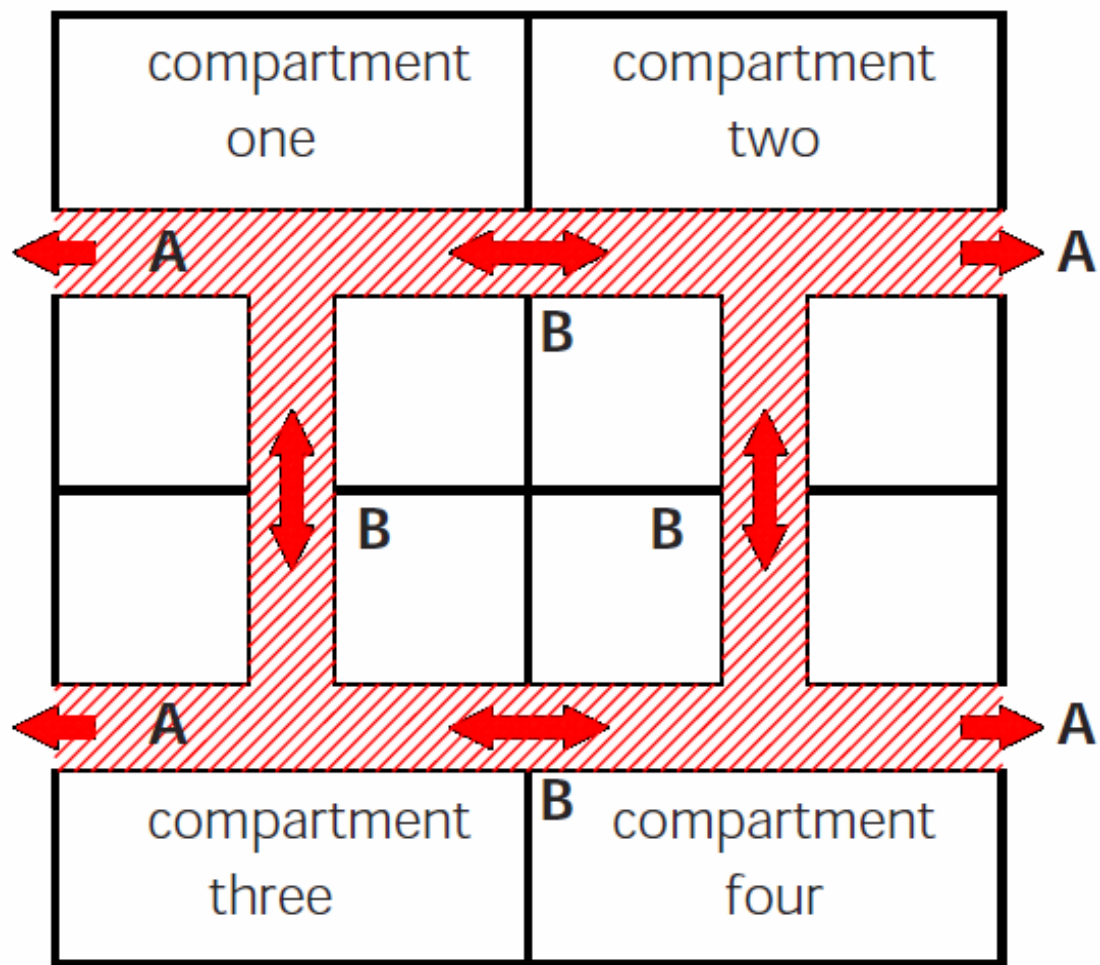
Every intensive therapy unit should be divided into at least 2 *sub-compartments* by *sub-compartment walls* with short fire resistance duration.



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HTM81

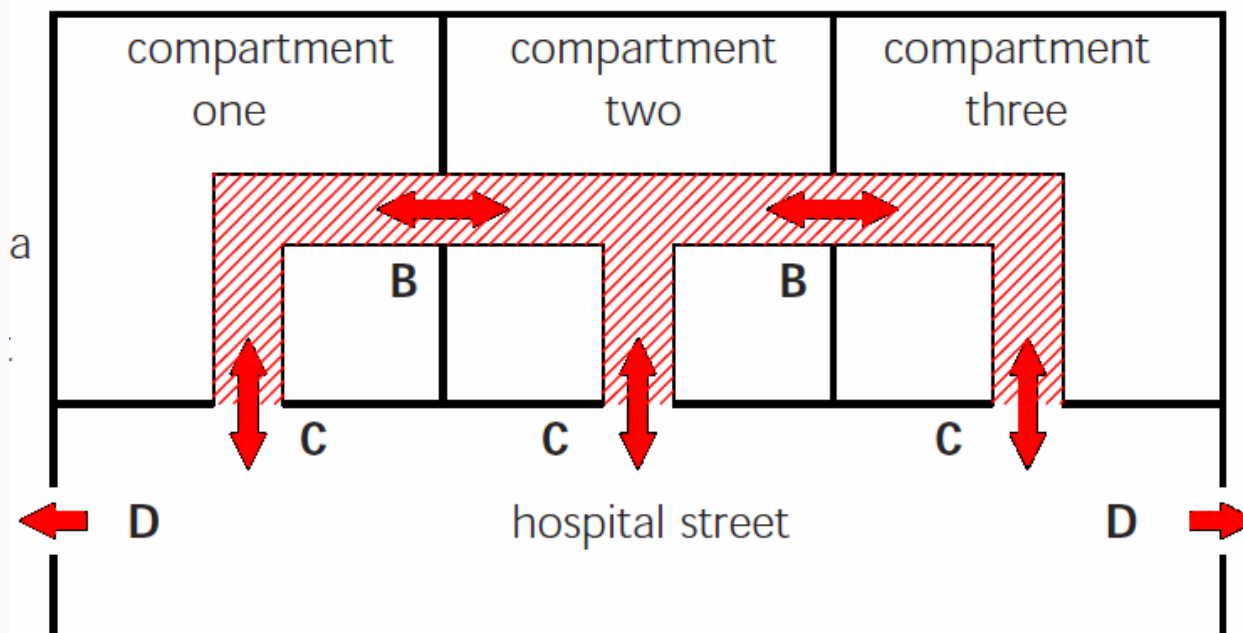


Exit A – a stairway

Exit B – to an adjoining compartment

HTM81

minimum of two exits required as indicated below



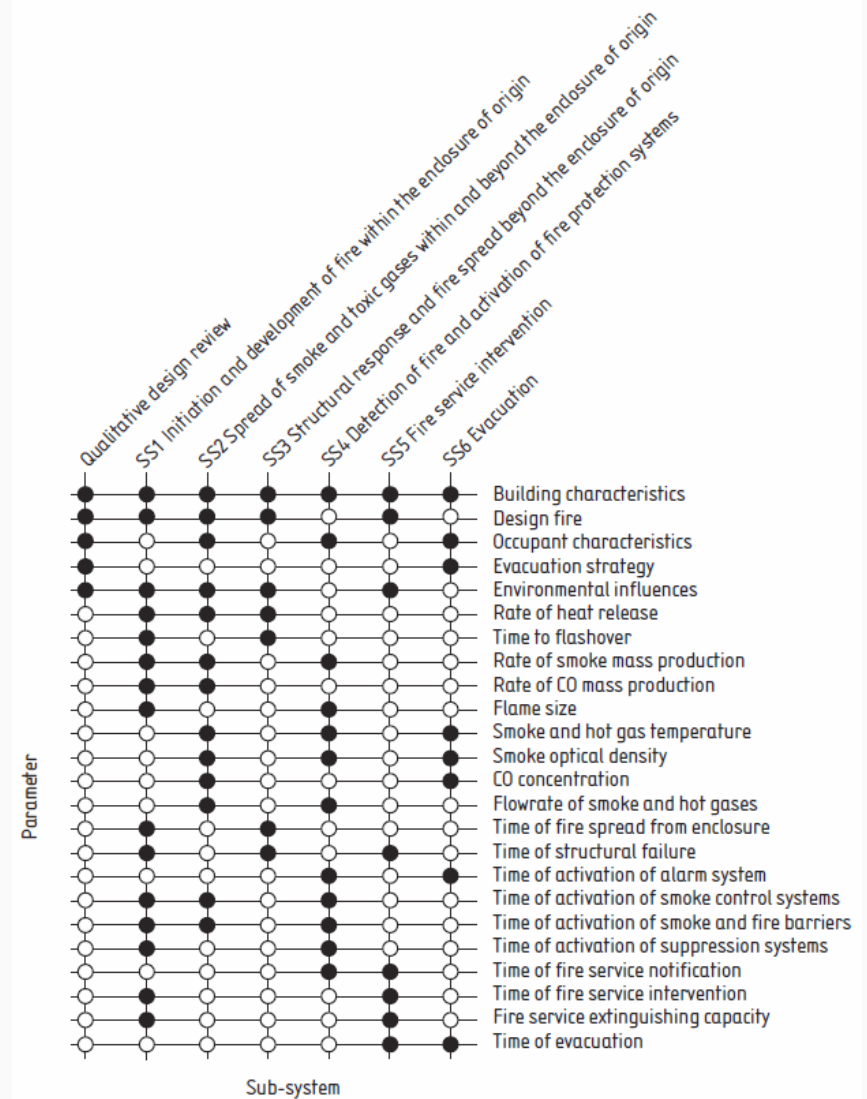
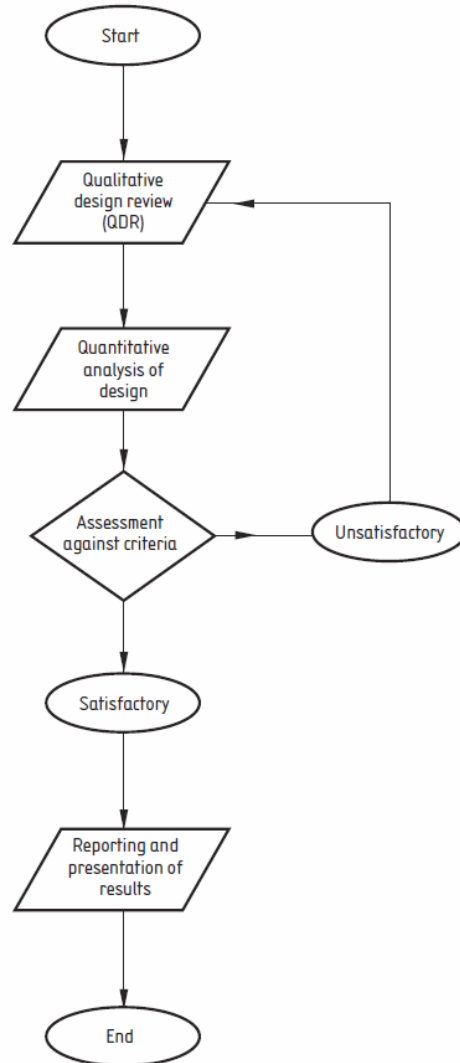
area of hospital street may be less than 500 m²

Exit B – to an adjoining compartment

Exit C – to the hospital street

Exit D – a stairway

BS 7974



World-Class Excellence



**New Stobhill Hospital
Glasgow**

■ World-Class

- Guidance
- Experience
- Fire Engineering
- Definition of Performance
- Approvals Process