



EVIDENCE SEARCH RESULTS

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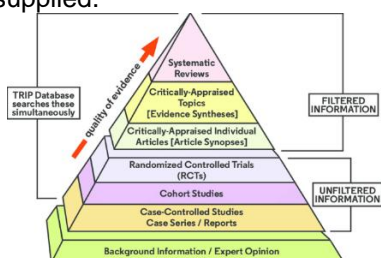
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Summary of search results:

I found many examples of NHS Trusts who provide wudu/wudhu facilities for staff. I have listed 5 for brevity. The most recently opened is [South West Yorkshire](#). They are predominantly located in, or adjacent to, prayer facilities and chapels – open to both staff and visitors and patients, 24/7.

[NHS Chaplaincy](#) guidance suggests that:

“The design and provision of spaces should give due regard to the diversity of religions and belief needs in the population served, such as provision of **ablution facilities**” (section 8.2).

[NHS Employers](#) guidance for supporting Muslim colleagues during Ramadan says that:

“Staff should have access to nearby facilities to perform their ritual washing (**ablutions**) and five daily prayers, as these are increased in observance during Ramadan.”

In “Spiritual Care: a multi-faith resource for healthcare staff” by [NHS Education for Scotland](#), it describes the washing and toilet requirements for many different faiths.

I hope this is helpful. Please do let us know if you need any further information.

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Examples from other NHS Trusts

[South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Trust](#)

Wudhu facility at Fieldhead Hospital opened in March 2024, located opposite the prayer room/chapel. Looking to install short term wudhu cupboards 7 other locations across the Trust.

[Harrogate District Hospital](#)

Located in the Chaplaincy centre, accessible 24/7.

[Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust](#)

Purpose built facility for all to use, including visitors and patients, although predominantly used by staff.

[Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Located adjacent to the chapel at Calderdale Royal Hospital



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[Sandwell and Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Located adjacent to the chapel at Sandwell Hospital Chapel.

South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust

Available at Warwick and Stratford Hospitals.

Advice/standards

[NHS Chaplaincy – guidelines for NHS managers on pastoral, spiritual and religious care](#)

Section 8.2

“The design and provision of spaces should give due regard to the diversity of religions and belief needs in the population served, such as provision of ablution facilities”

[NHS Employers – Guidance to support your workforce during Ramadan](#)

Staff should have access to nearby facilities to perform their ritual washing (ablutions) and five daily prayers, as these are increased in observance during Ramadan

[NHS Education for Scotland](#)

Spiritual Care: a multi-faith resource for healthcare staff.

Articles

1. **Guidance: creating and managing effective multi-faith and contemplation space**

Item Type: Report

Authors: University of Southampton/Inclusive Employers

Publication Date: 2018

Accessed: Jul 30, 2024

URL: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/05/Multi-Faith-Room-Guidance.pdf>

2. **Diversity matters: multi-faith room provision in the workplace**

Item Type: Report

Authors: Wudumate

Publication Date: 2018

Wudumate

Accessed: Jul 30, 2024

URL: <https://www.wudumate.com/files/diversity-matters-sep2018.pdf>

3. **Ablution Design: The Concepts and Design Criteria**

Item Type: Conference Proceeding

Authors: Hamid, A.B.A., Wahab, M.H.A., Alias, A. and Rahmat, N.



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Publication Date: 2016

Publication Details: Singapore: Springer, pp. 487

Abstract: Ablution is one of the prerequisite activities to pray which consists of a procedure that involves water to a particular body to clean itself from small impurities. This is call wudhu in Arabic. In order to make the wudhu in the perfect order; it is required to perform certain actions in the correct sequence. The ablution area is very important to ensure the users' comfort and satisfied while taking the wudhu. Users often complain of the inadequate size of the ablution area and narrow space when taking wudhu. To perform a prayer in a comfortable situation, a good ablution's condition and space is also important because in Islam, cleanliness is a very important aspect especially when someone wants to pray. Therefore this research focused on the significance of concept and design elements in the ablution area. These elements of design and concept were discussed in this study to make sure that the right and suitable aspects of design of the ablution area can be designed and constructed according to the needs of the users. The design for the ablution area either in the mosque or prayer rooms in the shopping centers should take consideration of different types of users: the normal users, the elderly, and the disabled.

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	Embase		PsycINFO	X Grey Literature
	AMED		UpToDate	X Other

PURPOSE OF SEARCH			
	Patient info/health & well being		Clinical decision making (inc. patient care)
X	Executive Team support		Research/Education/Professional development
	Quality Improvement		Primary Care & Neighbourhoods Directorate support
X	KM/Management decision making	X	Other Surgical building design



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	Nurses/Midwives	X	Other
	Allied Health professionals		

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Wudhu or Wudu Ritual (washing or cleansing or purification) Ablution or partial ablution Hospital*	

