

## SECLUSION PRODUCTS SAFETY OF USE:

Interweave Healthcare have designed a range anti-ligature clothing garments and bedding products for seclusion situations. The seclusion range is made from strong, fire retardant and tear resistant fabric, designed to provide comfort and most importantly, to minimise the risk of harm.

**Below is some important information as to the use and limitations of these products:**

**What is an Anti-Ligature product?** – This indicates a product designed to deter the making of ligatures. A ligature is something used to tie or bind. In the seclusion environment, this is usually to prevent suicide by hanging. Please note that “anti-ligature” does not mean it is impossible to make ligatures, only that it should be much harder to do so than with standard clothing and bedding products, especially when combined with supervision.

**Supervision** – Despite these products having properties to help avoid tearing and creating ligatures, we highlight that this only works in combination with supervision. Given time and determination, these products may possibly be deconstructed by a patient intent on self-harm.

**Product Damage** – It is key that these products are inspected for damage (caused by the patient and/or wear & tear) regularly. If the products are damaged, their anti-ligature properties will be significantly reduced. If the product is damaged, please dispose of safely and replace where required.

**Fire Retardancy** – The seclusion fabric used in these products is tested to BS 5866: 1991 Part 4 and Nightwear (Safety) Regulations 1985 BS 5722: 1984.



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