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Some guidance on taps

We have found, within the NHS and the UK setting, taps are best left up to specialist suppliers. We know that the following have been used recently within UK hospitals and with our baths.

Twyfords, Armitage, Horne, RADA and so forth are the specialist tap manufacturers whom we know have been used and are being used by bath customers.

The Morecambe Bay Trust have used the following at Lancaster, Kendal and Barrow

- **Shower** Manufacturer: Armitage Shanks.
 - Web: www.idealstandard.com.
 - Email: info@thebluebook.co.uk.
 - Product reference: A4129(AA)
- Contour 21 thermostatic built-in shower mixer, lever operated].
- Accessories: [
- S9313(AA) Short projection shower head for concealed or exposed supply
 - B9304(AA) Armaglide 2 handspray, single function
 - E4745(AA) Shower hose, 1.35m long
 - L6919(AA) Lever operated shower diverter
 - E4705(AA) Wall elbow].

The Trust now favour **two** of the following so that there was a double supply of mixed supply hot water. The reason being that 22mm taps that are HTM compliant are very difficult to source and a 15mm tap would take too long to fill the bath.

http://www.idealspec.co.uk/catalogue/bluebook/brassware/contract/contour-21/contour-21-single-control-mixer-and-15-23cm-spout_p351.html

Having spoken to the plumbers used at Leeds, they installed Markwik, which are available for IPS and bath mounting. At York, they used the Horne Optitherm and a Markwik tap again (pdf sheets attached).

Other hospitals and plumbing engineers have advised that they used a 22mm / ¾" tap *without* an inbuilt Thermostatic Mixer Valve and put in a 22mm TMV earlier in the plumbing and within the stipulated distance from the tap. This enabled them to have HTM64 compliance and use 22mm supply to ensure a quicker filling.