# Network Patch Cables
## ICT Staff Guidelines

In order to make it easier to manage the network and minimise down time by cables being patched inappropriately, the following network patch cable guidelines should be followed.

### Authorisation

Only those staff who are authorised below may move or install network cables of a particular category.

### Patch Cable Colours

| Category | Cable Colour | Authorised Roles |
|---|---|---|
| PC and VOIP telephones – 802.1x | Grey | PC Support |
| Telephone Equipment and Telephony Servers | Green | Telephone Support |
| Servers | Red | Server Support |
| Network Equipment | Red | Network Support |
| WAN Network and associated equipment | Orange | Network Support |
| Storage Area Network | Orange | Server Support |
| Management LAN | Purple / White | Network Support |
| DMZ | Yellow | Server Support |
| Printers | Blue | PC Support |
| Police network | Pink | Network Support |
| Probation | Brown | Network Support |

**Particular care must be taken whilst patching Red, Yellow, Orange and Green cables. These cables should ideally be patched out of hours.**

### Installation Guidelines

- All cables must be installed neatly and ideally combined into bundles of 6 cables.
- All cabling must be documented and should include:
  - which desk is patched to which network point,
  - which network point is patched to which switch and the switches port number.
- Temporary cables may only be installed for testing purposes for a maximum of 1 day, after which point they must be removed or patched properly.
- Any network point no longer required for use will be unpatched immediately.
- No patch cables are to be left unconnected.