

# Sodexo celebrates its dedicated frontline colleagues whose vital work help hospitals run smoothly

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Sodexo Healthcare has celebrated its thousands of colleagues across Estates and Facilities Management as the first national day aimed at recognising the vital work they do starts.

Today (Wednesday, 15 June) is the first ever National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Day, which will showcase the hundreds of thousands of committed people behind the scenes carrying out non-medical frontline work in healthcare.

While many people will think of the important and amazing work of our doctors, nurses and other clinicians in NHS hospitals, this day aims to focus on the roles of colleagues such as porters, cleaners and domestics, catering workers and maintenance people.

That is because without them hospitals would simply cease to function properly and their dedication helps ensure medical staff continue to care for patients – something they have done with pride before, during and since the pandemic.

Around 6,000 people work for Sodexo across healthcare settings including at numerous NHS hospitals.

The first-ever National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Day takes place today and will occur annually thereafter on every third Wednesday in June.

Sodexo has put together a short video to help showcase how important our healthcare estates and facilities management teams are and it can be [downloaded via this link](#).

Colleagues at hospital sites Sodexo is based at across the country – such as at Wythenshawe Hospital, the

Manchester Royal Infirmary and Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Buckinghamshire – will be taking part in celebrations to mark the day.

Philip Leigh, CEO of Sodexo Healthcare, said: "It is a great that a special day has started up to celebrate the dedicated work of our frontline colleagues who work tirelessly to help make sure hospital and other healthcare settings run smoothly.

"Our 6,000 colleagues work as part of a team with their counterparts in the NHS and the work they do directly improves and helps patient care.

"I would like to thank all of them for everything they do and the way they go that extra mile to help the medical staff they work with as well as patients."

More information on the new national day can be [found here.](#)