

Sodexo extends partnership with Infection Prevention Society and Tork to continue providing education to prevent spread of infection

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Sodexo has extended its partnership with the Infection Prevention Society (IPS) and Tork, Essity's global leading professional hygiene brand, to continue to deliver its Environment, Cleaning and Decontamination (ECD) programme for IPS members after a fruitful first year.

The renewed partnership, [which initially began in July 2021](#), supports IPS' goal to inform and promote evidence-based infection prevention policy and create a health and care system where no person's health and wellbeing is harmed by preventable infection through its activities and actions.

The ECD programme's mission is to continue educating healthcare practitioners on specific topics to promote and support the adoption of best practices in water, ventilation, decontamination and hand hygiene, ultimately preventing healthcare associated infections throughout the patient's journey.

Following a [highly successful event in November 2021](#), the IPS in association with Sodexo Healthcare and Tork will host a second free to attend ECD conference in November 2022, which will tackle fresh topics and introduce new experts.

In addition, planned educational resources will become available, and support will be provided for study days throughout the year, all with a renewed emphasis on creating safer patient environments in healthcare. All activities will involve several highly respected infection prevention and microbiology experts.

Simon Lilley, strategy and marketing director (healthcare), Sodexo UK & Ireland, said: "Sodexo is delighted to continue its partnership with IPS and Tork and build on the ECD programme's success to help reduce preventable infections in healthcare.

“The work we do with IPS directly supports the development of our Protecta cleaning and infection prevention solution we operate in hospitals across the UK, and our passion to improve patient flow by reducing preventable hospital related infections.”

Thomas Bergin, Marketing Director, Healthcare at Essity Professional Hygiene said: “Tork is proud to continue this important partnership with IPS and Sodexo. As part of the global hygiene and health company Essity, we are dedicated to helping create safe care environments and ultimately help prevent HAI’s. This partnership provides the opportunity to work with the infection prevention community by providing a collaborative platform to support effective surface cleaning and hand hygiene.”

Lisa Butcher, IPS Vice President and ECD Lead, added: “The IPS is pleased to continue its critical work with Sodexo and Tork. Our IPS members found the first year of the ECD Programme very valuable, and we look forward to providing more valuable educational sessions which provide our delegates with practical skills to take back to their workplace and implement. This is all about us working together to provide safe, clean spaces for patients and staff.”

The IPS is the premier professional organisation in Europe for nurses involved in infection prevention and control.

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