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The remaining two sessions of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the Cleaning and Hygiene Industry inquiry into the role of cleaning and hygiene during the Covid-19 pandemic will take place on 11 October and 18 October (both Tuesdays), it has been announced.

The APPG inquiry, entitled Embedding Effective Hygiene for a Resilient UK, held its first session last month but the final two sessions were postponed following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, for the duration of the national period of mourning.

Industry members are again being encouraged to watch the remaining sessions, with both starting at 10am.

Anyone interested in watching either of the Zoom sessions is invited to email compsec@britishcleaningcouncil.org by 6pm on the day before the session they want to attend. Please apply separately for each session.

[Darent Valley Building Services](#) has said that emergency call outs by facility managers with no maintenance contracts in place make up over 96% of all the calls received during the worst winter months.

Oliver Davies, Services and Operations Manager, said: “There are some obvious culprits that need regular maintenance, but others are not so obvious. Facilities Managers that get caught out each year are using expensive emergency budgets which could be prevented. Plus making regular checks throughout the year will ensure buildings are a little more sustainable.”

A new [Nuffield Health](#) survey of 8,000 UK adults has highlighted that nearly three-quarters of its respondents are reporting poorer sleep compared to last year.

This is especially concerning given that Nuffield Health’s 2022, ‘[Healthier Nation Index](#)’, also revealed that 1 in 10 people are only getting between 2-4 hours of sleep per night.

The number of people experiencing insomnia [rose to one in four](#) since the pandemic, with many turning to the internet for support. Google searches for ‘insomnia’ [soared](#), with most made in the early hours, around 3am.

Gosia Bowling, National Lead for Emotional Wellbeing at [Nuffield Health](#) commented on the findings: “Many businesses have adopted a ‘hybrid’ approach to working and it’s important to note this ‘new normal’ won’t automatically facilitate perfect sleeping patterns. That’s why it’s crucial employers ‘wake up to sleep’ and work with their healthcare providers to support their workforce.”

And finally, one hundred guests applauded on the evening of Tuesday, 27 September after a sell-out event at London’s prestigious Ivy restaurant raised over £13,000 and a further £8,000 in product donations to help The Hygiene Bank charity in its work to alleviate hygiene poverty.

Organiser, and CEO of [Cleanology](#), Dominic Ponniah, said: “The generosity and engagement of our industry has been astonishing. This year, we recruited sponsors who have championed the cause and helped us take the event to a new level. We are really proud to see so many industry representatives coming together to achieve a common goal.”

Well done to everyone involved.

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