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## <u>Manchester University NHS Foundation</u> <u>Trust renews its partnership with Sodexo</u> <u>to 2027</u>

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Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust has extended Sodexo Health & Care's catering and soft FM services contract for a further four years to 2027.

The new contract starts in October 2023 and is worth in excess of £240 million. Sodexo's 1,900 employees will continue to deliver services at Wythenshawe Hospital as well as the Trust's Oxford Road Campus (ORC) which includes Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, University Dental Hospital of Manchester, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, and Saint Mary's Hospital for Women and Neonates.

Services include, patient dining, retail catering, portering, domestic services, receipt and distribution, helpdesk and transport.

As part of the new contract Sodexo will be introducing a number of infection prevention initiatives including the introduction of SureWash hand hygiene training technology, a system that can teach and assess hand hygiene technique and deliver Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) education as well as black light testing to aid in detecting hidden pathogens on surfaces such as walls, furniture and high-touch areas.

<u>Sodexo</u> has operated at Wythenshawe Hospital since 1999 and the Oxford Road Campus since 2008.

On all sites, Sodexo manages a number of food outlets including Subway, Costa and Starbucks and will continue to deliver its Kithen Works by Sodexo offer at the staff and visitor restaurants at both sites.



Philip Leigh, CEO of Sodexo Health & Care UK & Ireland, said: "Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust is a long-standing partner and we are delighted to continue our partnership for a further four years. The health, safety and wellbeing of those we serve and our own people is always a top priority and we are looking forward to introducing new solutions that will help improve patient outcomes and the employee experience of all those working in the hospitals."

Rob Jepson, Group Director of Estates and Facilities for Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It is our vision for our hospitals to be the best place for patient quality and experience and the best place to work and we rely on our partners such as Sodexo to deliver this. Sodexo has been a valued partner for many years and we are confident their dedicated team will support us in our vision and we look forward to working in partnership for another four years."