

Business expansion creates 600 new jobs

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In the past 12 months, Cleanology took on 600 new staff, during a period of record-breaking growth that saw the company win new contracts in London, as well as spearheading a national expansion ranging as far afield as Scotland, Bristol and Oxfordshire. An acquisition in Wigan, Lancashire, added a further 400 staff to the books, bringing the total to 1,400.

Chief executive officer Dominic Ponniah described the jobs created as vindication of the company's strength, as well as its dedication to employee wellbeing. He said: "The figures speak for themselves – in 2022, our turnover rose to £25m. But the jobs we have created are also worth talking about.

"The new contracts have offered real opportunities for progression among our staff – we have created more supervisor and managerial jobs, and almost exclusively used in-house teams to fill these roles. Added to that, over 90 per cent of all our staff are now paid the Real Living Wage or higher."

Through the expansion, the company has been able to offer a consolidated service for businesses with sites at multiple locations. It is also introducing its commitment to sustainability, fair pay and innovation to areas outside London.

Mr Ponniah concluded: "The employment market is undoubtedly the most difficult I have ever seen for recruitment. But our growth shows that all elements of the chain link together. We focus on quality, and invest in our staff, and it is really encouraging to see that our clients share the same values. People choose us because they can see we are a family-orientated company focused on quality, that doesn't cut corners. And we are growing."

The company growth has enabled it to move to new offices in London's new skyscraper district of Vauxhall Nine Elms. The move has provided much-needed space, but also has included a brand-new training and induction centre for new starters and continuous professional development.