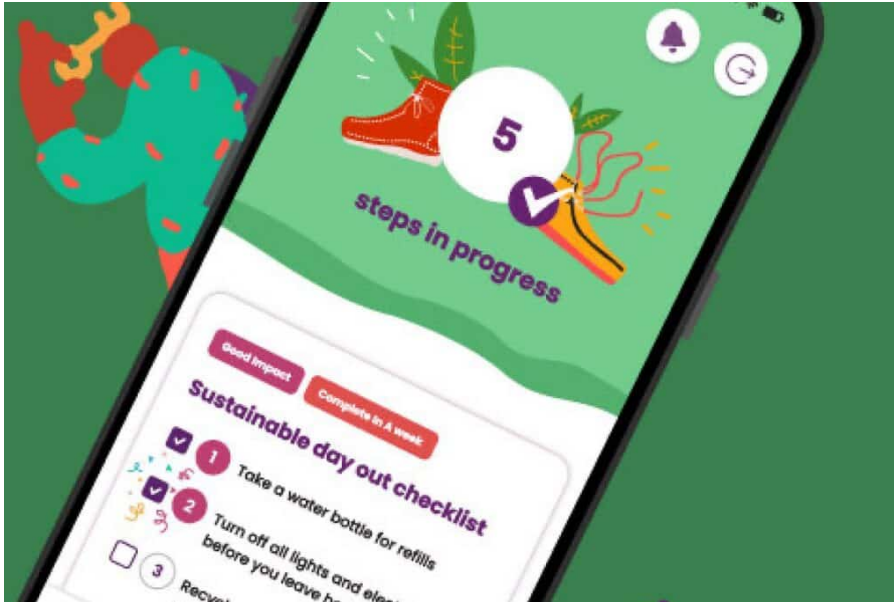


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Welcome to InTheNews – covering all the FM news you may have missed over the week:

Younger generations of workers across the UK are calling for enhanced wellbeing, sustainable and digital workplace practices more than any other working-age demographic and are willing to look at alternative employers if their needs aren't met, new research reveals.

Published by Compass Group and global market intelligence agency Mintel, the *Global Eating at Work Survey 2023* is one of the largest inter-generational surveys of its kind.

Some figures include:

- 68% of UK workers say employers should be doing more to support employees with the cost-of-living crisis, peaking at 76% for Gen Z and Millennials.
- 71% of UK Gen Z say having a staff restaurant on-site shows an employer cares about its employees.

Morag Freathy, Managing Director, Eurest said: *"Since the pandemic, the lines between workers' personal and professional values have become increasingly blurred. Empowered Gen Z and Millennial workers have made it clear that they want to associate themselves with companies who share their values, provide a safe, comfortable working environment, and support their health and wellbeing. And they are willing to look elsewhere if they feel their needs aren't being met."*

A survey by Sapio Research, conducted on behalf of Celebration Packaging, has looked at consumer understanding of the bans on single-use plastic packaging, the alternative materials available and expectations around reusables.

Bans on the sale of single-use packaging, including cutlery, are already in place in Scotland and Northern Ireland and will be introduced in England and Wales in October 2023.

“As a long-established packaging supplier and with bans on single-use items such as cutlery either in place or coming soon, we were keen to discover consumer views and the potential impact on food-to-go operators,” says Nick Burton, MD of Celebration Packaging, which is based in Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire. “Here we look at the provision of cutlery in takeaways and at consumer expectations around reusables.”

[NHS Shared Business Services](#) (NHS SBS), has unveiled a new £1.7bn framework agreement designed to support NHS hospitals and theatres manage sterilisation, decontamination and repair of surgical equipment efficiently, and meet clinical demand.

NHS SBS’s procurement framework, [Decontamination Services and Solutions](#) offers end-to-end decontamination solutions. It comes at a time that sees the building and roll-out of surgical hubs being scaled up across the country to increase capacity and ease the pressure on elective surgery.

Elaine Alsop, Head of Category – Health Procurement Frameworks, said: “Our all-encompassing [Decontamination Services and Solutions](#) framework agreement supports best practice, compliance, drives sustainability and cost-effectiveness. It offers options from complete outsourcing of decontamination services, the ability for extra capacity to be provided either in an emergency or long term to augment a customer’s own facilities, and a specialist lot for the decontamination of high-level probes.”

And finally, it is the Coronation this weekend. It is expected that there will be more than 6,000 armed services personnel at the King’s Coronation event in London, all deployed to ensure maximum security for leaders and heads of state from around the world. *Security account manager Tom Ward, [Anabas](#), spoke to FM Business Daily about the steps that security professionals in London need to be taking to ensure safety for all those involved. [You can read that on the FMBusinessDaily website.](#)*

Have a great bank holiday weekend