

East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust to partner with Sodexo

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East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust will partner with [Sodexo](#) to deliver its soft facilities management services across the Trust's two acute hospitals – Colchester and Ipswich, and community services in East Suffolk and North Essex. These include Aldeburgh, Felixstowe and Harwich Hospitals, and Bluebird Lodge in Ipswich.

[Sodexo](#) has been appointed preferred bidder following the Trust Board's decision to contract all soft facilities management services to an external partner, moving to a single, consistent approach across all its sites. These services include catering, housekeeping, cleaning, portering and security.

The new five-year contract is scheduled to begin in April 2025.

Nick Hulme, Chief Executive of East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Working in partnership with Sodexo will help us to ensure the high standards of care and experience which patients and local people rightly expect. This is critical to our plans to transform services for local communities."

ESNEFT and Sodexo have a shared commitment to make a positive difference for society by offering training and apprenticeships, a focus on employing local people, buying sustainably and locally, and caring for our environment.

Philip Leigh, CEO for [Sodexo Health & Care](#), UK & Ireland said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership with East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust. We are committed to supporting the Trust's priorities and collaborating with them to enhance environments and experiences for patients, staff and the local community."