

Medirest continues long standing partnership with Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Medirest, [Compass Group UK & Ireland](#)'s healthcare sector, has signed a new contract with Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust delivering a range of services across three hospitals.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was formed in 2001 and gained Foundation Trust status in 2007. It runs three hospitals in Nottinghamshire – King's Mill Hospital, Newark Hospital and Mansfield Community Hospital. It covers 500,000 people across the community and employs over 6,000 people.

Having worked together since 2007, the services have now grown in terms of nature and scale, covering cleaning, catering, portering, switchboard, car parking, security and transport. Medirest employs 700 people within these three hospital sites.

The Trust has chosen to continue working with Medirest, as they have an established partnership, which will continue to deliver in terms of quality service, value and sustainability.

For patient catering, Medirest will continue using Steamplclicity – the innovative catering solution that provides patients with nutritious meals. The new menu consists of over 30 options, including 40% vegetarian or vegan and a range of allergen free options. The system offers flexibility, with meals being steam cooked in just minutes at ward level, maintaining taste and nutrition.

The partnership has implemented the National Standards of Cleanliness and the team will continue to provide cleaning services, utilising their a+ cleaning solution, decontamination services and a rapid response team supporting in delivering the highest possible infection control and prevention practices. In

2021, Medirest introduced two robots, to support the cleaning teams with open spaces and repetitive cleaning jobs. Compass will also continue to deliver retail offers, including a Costa Coffee outlet, which serves its familiar high street offer to staff, visitors and patients.

Earlier this year, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust received Patient-Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) results that exceeds the NHS national average in all areas. The Trust scored top marks for condition, appearance, and maintenance across its three hospital sites, while Newark Hospital and Mansfield Community Hospital scored 100% for cleanliness with King's Mill at 99.8%. The organisation's food scored over 95%.

Mark Jackson, Director of Estates and Facilities, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust said: "We have worked with Medirest for 17 years and over this time our partnership has grown, so that we work side by side to offer patients, visitors and staff a quality experience. During the pandemic, we truly became one team and our partnership approach was solidified."

Russell Blake, Managing Director, Healthcare - Compass Group UK & Ireland commented: "Our new contract with Sherwood, is testament to our brilliant partnership and the teams that work together across the Trust. I am proud of our local Medirest Healthcare Team at Sherwood Hospitals for the remarkable services they provide to the Trust and its patients."