

Sodexo team at Wythenshawe Hospital celebrates double win at leading safety awards

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A project devised by <u>Sodexo Health & Care</u> at Wythenshawe Hospital has won two awards at the prestigious 2025 Safety & Health Excellence (SHE) Awards, recognising Sodexo's team at the hospital for their hard work and commitment to maintaining safe and healthy working environments.

The SHE Awards, delivered in conjunction with the British Safety Industry Federation (BSiF) and now in their eighth year, promote the importance of innovation and underline the highest standards of excellence within health and safety.

The project secured top honours in two key categories: Best Health and Safety Project and Best Use of Health and Safety Data to Lower Incidents. Focused on reducing slips, trips, and falls across the hospital, the project has delivered impressive results, including the elimination of slip-related injuries in 2024.

Using data-led approach the project, identified high-risk areas using the digital safety platform Salus Sodexo then partnered with Manchester-based WearerTech to provide 363 staff with ergonomic, anti-slip footwear, while reinforcing safe behaviours through digital campaigns, revised protocols, and over 150 safety walks. The impact has been profound: zero reportable slip, trip, and fall incidents, alongside marked improvements in staff wellbeing and engagement.

In addition to the two awards, Sodexo Health & Care's Sally Holdsworth, Health & Safety Manager at Wythenshawe Hospital, was highly commended in the Manager of the Year category for her leadership in health and safety which has played a key role in developing a strong safety culture at Wythenshawe



Hospital.

Sally's proactive approach to risk management, innovative use of the Salus safety system, and dedication to employee wellbeing are just a few of the reasons behind her recognition. She regularly carries out onsite safety walks, encourages colleagues to raise concerns, and has been instrumental in reinstating the site's Health & Safety Committee.

Philip Leigh, CEO healthcare, Sodexo UK & Ireland said: "This achievement is a testament to the dedication, innovation, and collaboration of our colleagues. At Sodexo, safety is not just a priority – it's deeply ingrained in everything we do. We aim to ensure that everyone leaves work in the same safe state they arrived. The success at Wythenshawe Hospital shows what's possible when data, technology, and people come together to drive real change. This positive safety mindset takes real effort to achieve, and it's something truly worth celebrating."