

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
28 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS – EVIDENCE FROM
HEFMA**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce to the Panel representation from the Health Facilities Management Association (HEFMA), in attendance at today's meeting to provide evidence regarding Healthcare Associated Infections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information provided by HEFMA, in relation to the overall review into Healthcare Associated Infections.
3. That the Panel asks any questions it feels pertinent and incorporates the information gathered into its overall review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

4. As part of its review into Healthcare Associated Infections, the Health Scrutiny Panel has taken, and will continue to take evidence from a variety of sources from the local NHS.
5. Aside from evidence gathered from the local NHS, it is important that the Panel seeks evidence from a wider circle of stakeholders, as it has done with the Patients Forum attached to the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust.
6. As an extension of that, the Chair of the Health Facilities Management Association (HEFMA) will be in attendance at today's meeting to provide the Association's view on the issues facing medical facilities in respect of Healthcare Associated Infections.

7. HEFMA was founded over 25 years ago and is an Association made up of 450 Directors and Senior Managers of Estates and Facilities working in the National Health Service. HEFMA members are responsible for the management of the day to day operation, maintenance and support services of all hospitals within a NHS Trust.
8. HEFMA members also manage a wide range of support services including engineering and building maintenance, catering, portering, cleaning, medical equipment management and decontamination services for specialist cleaning such as clinical instruments and equipment.¹
9. It is anticipated that the HEFMA Chair will firstly outline his initial observations on the issues facing Hospitals regarding the combating of Healthcare Acquired Infections. The Panel is then invited to ask any questions felt necessary to pursue further evidence.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. For further information on HEFMA, please see www.hefma.org.uk

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¹ For further information please see www.hefma.org.uk