Coalition of leading health organisations calls for action to reduce sepsis-related deaths in the UK

Leading health organisations have joined together to promote a new, holistic approach to reducing the incidence and impact of life-threatening infection.

The UK Sepsis Trust, Royal College of Nursing, Infection Prevention Society, British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, British Infection Association, British Association of Critical Care Nurses, and Antibiotic Action, have produced a coalition statement, which aims to raise awareness of the scale and severity of sepsis. It sets out three key ambitions: to improve the recognition of and response to severe sepsis, to prevent infection, and to preserve effective antibiotics to treat patients.

Dr Ron Daniels, Chief Executive of the UK Sepsis Trust and lead spokesperson for the coalition statement, said: "The creation of this coalition will benefit patients now and into the future. Until now, the important public messages driven by our member organizations have been disconnected.

“For the first time, leaders in all aspects of infection management have come together to state that the three key domains - urgent treatment of sepsis, prevention of infection, and preservation of antibiotics - are of equal and critical importance. This paves the way for reduced infection incidence, better outcomes, and ensuring that we have effective antibiotics into the future.”

Julie Storr, IPS President: “Infection prevention is a key part of sepsis management and patient safety. IPS is committed to supporting best practice to achieve this, and the statement that this coalition has produced, with IPS input, is the next important step in early recognition and intervention that will significantly reduce mortality related to sepsis.”