

# South West Branch Annual Conference



4 March 2026, Sandy Park, Exeter

## IPS SOUTH WEST BRANCH

08:30-09:00	Registration and exhibition viewing
09:00-09:10	Welcome & Housekeeping
09:10-09:50	Diff Spores: the gremlin of healthcare textiles – <b>Professor Katie Laird</b> PhD CBiol MSB SFHEA, Professor of Microbiology and Deputy Director of the Leicester Institute for Pharmaceutical and Health Innovations, De Montfort University
09:50-10:30	Managing Infected Wounds in a Homeless/Drug User Community – <b>Nicky Richardson</b> , Lead Tissue Viability Clinical Nurse Specialist
10:30-11:15	Refreshments & Exhibition Viewing
11:15-11:55	Health inequalities in IPC – <b>Kerry Holden</b> , Deputy Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Vice President of IPS
11:55-12:35	Proactively using Big Data to prevent healthcare-associated infections – <b>Dr Alero Ilawole</b> , Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
12:35-13:30	Lunch and exhibition viewing
13:30-13:35	Afternoon welcome
13:35-14.10	Developing a TB service – <b>Kim Aspinall</b> and <b>Jemma Evans</b> , Somerset Foundation Trust
14:10-14:45	A day in the life of a vet nurse - <b>Gemma Cooper</b> , IPC Manager RVN, Queen Mother Hospital for Animals
14:45-15:00	Closing remarks

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