

Wessex Annual Conference



12 November 2026, Novotel Southampton

IPS WESSEX BRANCH

08:30-09:20	Registration & Exhibition Viewing
09:20-09:30	Welcome & Housekeeping
09:30-09:45	Extending IPS reach Fiona Tordoff , CEO, Infection Prevention Society
09:45-10:15	IPC roles in new builds and refurbishment projects - Viv O'Connor , Deputy Director of Infection Prevention and Control, NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board
10:15-10:45	Basins, Bathing & Beyond...Creating water and wastewater-safe environments Vicky Gentry , Infection Prevention Nurse Consultant, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
10:45-11:00	Sponsor hosted session - Jon Sharp , Meiko UK 
11:00-11:30	Refreshments & Exhibition Viewing
11:30-12:15	Estates team perspectives in new builds and ventilation projects Chris James
12:15-12:45	High Consequence, Low Margin for Error: IPC Management of ?MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) Suzanne Cass , Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Prevention & Control, University Hospitals Sussex Brighton Campus
12:45-13:45	Lunch & Exhibition Viewing
13:45-13:50	Afternoon welcome
13:50-14:20	Mattress matters: the hidden infection risk beneath the surface Natalie Hallowell , Infection Prevention and Control Specialist Nurse, NHS Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Trust and Jo Simmons , Infection Prevention and Control Matron, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust

14:20-14:50

Chain of Infection - a reservoir of organisms

Jim Perry, Senior Consultant and Authorising Engineer
(Water), Water Hygiene Centre

14:50-15:20

The tip of the iceberg: Can testing wastewater help prevent infections in care homes?

Maria Krutikov, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation
Trust

15:20-15:25

Closing remarks - Chair

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