

Decontamination Best Value Group 2019-20

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The NPAG Decontamination BVG is a unique group enabling NHS Decontamination, Sterile Services and Endoscopy reprocessing managers / senior staff to meet and share new ideas, discuss common problems and support one another in the practical implementation of day-to-day processing of reusable medical devices.

For over a decade, NPAG's members representing Sterile and Decontamination Services have strived to improve the delivery of decontamination sciences. The individuals within this industry continue to demonstrate real enthusiasm for seeking out improvements and developments. Each meeting contains at least one presentation from an external source (based on member requests) to **increase member knowledge**.

Collaboration is not confined to meetings; members openly communicate with each other and actively use the NPAGNetwork - a managed question and answer forum. Meetings are used to share knowledge on a vast array of matters, topics and experiences including staffing, manufacturers, best practice, financial constraints, audits and projects. Learning from each other has been essential in reducing issues when managing the daily business of Decontamination, making it easier, more structured and safer for the end user and patients.

'Being a member of the group has proved extremely useful. It enables me to meet members from other NHS Trusts face-to-face and discuss, compare and review practices and share knowledge, which is key to improvement.' Lead Quality Officer, University Hospital Southampton NHS FT

Members receive three facilitated meetings per year plus attendance to the NPAG Theatres & Decontamination Conference which will be held in March 2020. Meeting agendas are driven by member needs and requirements and, as a start, will include:

Announced & Unannounced Audits, Cost savings, Benchmarking Data, Open Forum, Daily Production & Staffing Concerns, MHRA Reports, Difficult to Clean Devices and Manufacturers Instructions

Why join? Our Chair says:

This forum has become a respected and reliable source for practical decontamination solutions. Members attend the quarterly meetings from all over the UK and, I feel, everyone is at ease sharing the good bits and the bad bits with colleagues. This very positive group provides a valuable opportunity to learn from each other and gain insight into various issues and how they are managed in different settings. With greater openness and more financial details in the public forum, e.g. the Model Hospital, the NPAG meetings are the ideal platform for members to discuss costs and solutions. Rather than being just another meeting, every meeting is structured to provide industry colleagues opportunity to discuss and provide interactive demonstrations of new technologies. I look forward to all the meetings and always leave with a smile!

Fraser Bishop, Facilities Clinical Services Manager and Trust Decontamination Lead, North Devon District Hospital

Interested? Please contact Victoria for further details or complete the included Registration Form to secure your place: victoria.combes@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk / tel: 01245 544600

