

Decontamination Best Value Group 2020-21

Autumn / Winter 2020, London

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.

"Membership of the Decontamination BVG during 2019-20 has been an informative and valuable opportunity to engage with likeminded industry professionals, to share best practise and discuss common challenges, ultimately allowing us to collectively improve our quality of service."

2019-20 Decontamination BVG Member

Members receive three facilitated meetings per year plus attendance to the NPAG Theatres & Decontamination Conference which will be held in 2021. 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:

As chair of the NPAG Decontamination group I find every meeting brings opportunities and enlightenment a plenty! We are so fortunate to have the excellent central structure from NPAG and the services of a dedicated Facilitator for the Decontamination group.

With a wider member base, now including many from decontamination commercial partners, instrument and detergent suppliers there is still the open forum to discuss all topics now often from different angles. Having respect for commercial interests the debates progress along very open lines and everyone is made to be part of a single group.

Please come along and embrace the knowledge, experience, friendship, kinship and desire to ensure hospital decontamination is managed effectively and efficiently, from all of the members.

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

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