

# NPAG News

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Welcome to the May edition of NPAG News. As we move into the new month, NPAG's spring programme is in full swing.

We are especially excited about the **Theatres and Decontamination Conference 2022**. The event is attracting record numbers of delegates and sponsors (Pages 5—9). There is still time to register—please see Page 10.

Spring is always one of our busiest times for meetings and events. Key to delivering the programme of best value group meetings are our NPAG Facilitators. As we continue to explore new groups covering an ever-wider subject area, it is essential that Facilitators are able to share experiences of the groups they manage with the wider NPAG. We have therefore introduced a new Facilitator Liaison project that:

- Encourages suggestions for improvements
- Invites ideas about the gradual return to face2face meetings / hybrid meetings
- Helps generate ideas for new groups, workshops, conferences and
- Identifies cross-cutting themes such as sustainability, recovery from Covid, staff welfare and support.

There is also much activity between meetings with the NPAG Network again very busy. Undertaking a monthly review of the many requests also helps identify areas of common interest and opportunities for further development.

If you have responsibility for a number of different areas, why not consider joining a second NPAG group? On Page 2 we set out our special Summer Promotion!

Have a great month, and please stay safe everyone!

**The NPAG Team**

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*“Being a member of the Facilities South BVG has a really positive effect on my decision making. Managing a hospital FM department can be really challenging and stressful at times so meeting up with a group of people who are in very similar situations and have the same issues to solve can only be a good thing – especially in these difficult times. When we meet the wealth of FM expertise in the room is vast and there is always someone able to support whatever issue or query a colleague may have. With the “on point” speakers at each meeting we are always one step ahead of change. I would highly recommend joining to all who manage an FM portfolio in the NHS.” Facilities South BVG Chair, Head of Facilities, UCLH*

## Summer Special for NPAG Members

### 50% off Membership When Joining a 2nd Group

With a wide portfolio of groups it is unsurprising that a number of them have strong links. Recently we have noticed a number of our members have elected to join more than one of our groups. We currently offer all first members a 25% membership discount if they join another group, however this summer we are offering a fantastic opportunity for all first members to join an additional group and receive a 50% discount\*. In most cases this results in a membership fee reduction of over £200!

Our groups include:

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ★ Arts, Heritage and Design in Healthcare    | ★ National District Nurses            |
| ★ Clinical Engineering (North)               | ★ NHS Car Parking and Travel Planning |
| ★ Clinical Engineering (South)               | ★ NHS Sustainability Leads            |
| ★ EPRR                                       | ★ NHS Transport & Logistics           |
| ★ Estates                                    | ★ Nursing & Temporary Staffing        |
| ★ Decontamination                            | ★ Operating Theatres                  |
| ★ Facilities (North)                         | ★ Telecomms                           |
| ★ Facilities (South)                         | ★ Waste Management                    |
| ★ Health Visiting and School Health Services |                                       |
| ★ IT and Connectivity                        |                                       |

*"NPAG's ongoing production and establishment of credible benchmarking data is invaluable towards the development of my Clinical Engineering department and function."*

2021 Clinical Engineering North BVG Member, Medical Engineering Services Manager,  
The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust



*"I have been a member of the Facilities North Group for a few years now and find this group really beneficial. Facilities teams throughout the health sector are all subject to some degree to the same issues and it can be really useful to talk these through either at the meetings or by asking for help via the forum. The networking side is also excellent and I have made many friends, it is always handy to have the number of a colleague to call if you want to talk something through or ask for recommendations. I will definitely be renewing my subscription for another year especially as the pressures on the sector continue to intensify and the Facilities BVG being a network which can provide much needed support."*

2021 Facilities North BVG Member, Head of Domestic Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Try before you buy places are available on all of our groups, contact us to book your place.



## Keeping in touch - Email Exchange service

The NPAG Network continues to provide a very welcome service to all NPAG Best Value Group and Network members.

All our NPAG groups operate within a framework that seeks to ensure a consistent, high quality service. But the guidelines allow for flexibility of operation, and some groups have developed their own Email Exchange Q&A service, which sits alongside the NPAG Network, covered elsewhere.

We thought it would be interesting to continue to share some of the recent, very varied traffic.



Here is a small selection from recent weeks:

*"We are currently having discussions about accessing CCTV and who within the Trust should be responsible for this. Our former Security Manager (who is employed within Facilities) is currently off sick, and he was the only persons to be 'nominated' to view CCTV images.*

*We have a standalone Risk and Safety Team, with one Security and Safety Lead, but we'd like to have more than one nominated person – perhaps from Estates and/or Facilities.*

*I wondered if the group members would kindly share their Trust's CCTV arrangements?*

- *Who writes the policy and procedure?*
- *Who trains the system users (viewers)?*
- *What are the system users (viewers) roles & which department do they sit in?*
- *Is the viewing of incident types (public disorder, breaking and entering, theft, damage, car damage etc.) divided up?*
- *Does anyone have a robust procedure that they can share with us – one that is IG / ICO compliant?"*

Violence Reduction and Security Management Network Member

*"We are currently looking at pay for mandatory training. We currently pay only face to face training, am I able to ask what you all do in regards to mandatory training payments for clinical staff."*

Nursing and Temporary Staffing BVG Member

*"I hope you're all well. Is anyone getting agencies asking to increase your rates due to the NI increase? If so, what are you all doing and are you all paying an increase?"*

Nursing and Temporary Staffing BVG Member

*"Our Trust board have last week decided to defer the staff car parking charges. Can I ask how you are calculating the discount for shift workers who work a night shift please. I am waiting for Pay as you Go software and card readers to be installed on the pay machines and barriers so until this happens, I feel the easiest option is to offer 1/3 off car parking to all staff this applies to. But would like to know what you are all doing so I can collate data for our board. Thank you in advance."*

NHS Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Member

For details of these national groups or to come along as a try-before-you-buy guest please contact:

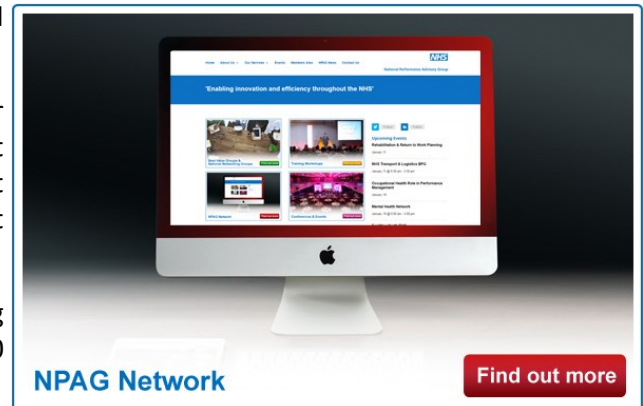
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## Helping our Members - NPAG Network

The NPAG Network is available to all NPAG Members and continues to provide a very welcome service.

The service was developed by NPAG, recognising the need for a forum for healthcare providers to ask questions, request assistance and information, share documents, and get professional and practical advice from their peers throughout the UK, saving time and money in not re-inventing the wheel.

Members of the NPAG's Best Value and National Networking Groups form the nucleus of the Network – providing over 600 contacts throughout the UK.



People remain very keen to share their experiences for the benefit of all.

These are some of the varied requests received in recent days:

***"The new National Standards of Cleanliness has to be implemented by 4th May 2022 are you meeting this date? If not have you applied for a derogation to NHS E/I?"***

Facilities South Member

***"Could I ask the group if they could provide the Job Description and Personal Spec for your Band 2 and Band 3 staff and whether completing the NVQ as part of the Band 3 Role?"***

Decontamination Network Member

***"I would appreciate if our members from Community Healthcare Trust could help me with some information on standing Frames. We noticed that in some of our sites in the trust, simple wooden standing frames, some of them are used in bedded units and majority in patient homes are not on the inventory and no PPM schedule set. Clinical staff purchase them from revenue budget and they believe that they do not need any servicing or inspection but only the one with Electric motors. Suppliers also not specifying any service/inspection requirement. Appreciate if you could share your practice?"***

Clinical Engineering South Member

***"Has anyone carried out any environmental risk assessments for their Trusts? If they have, would they be willing to share them with me?"***

NHS Sustainability Leads Network Member

***"I would like to hear from anyone who uses Mindray Benevision monitors/modules: N1, N19, N12, N15, ePM10, ePM12, ePM15 who had issues with sPO2 readings. In particular whether you had experience with occasional discrepancies between Mindray and other brands or blood gas machines. If so, how did you solve this problem?"***

Clinical Engineering South Member

If you don't currently use the service, please do so. You will not be disappointed! Please send your NPAG Network requests to: **e: [npagnetwork@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:npagnetwork@npag.eastamb.nhs.uk)**

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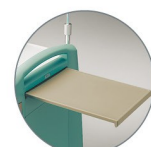
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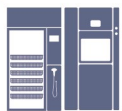
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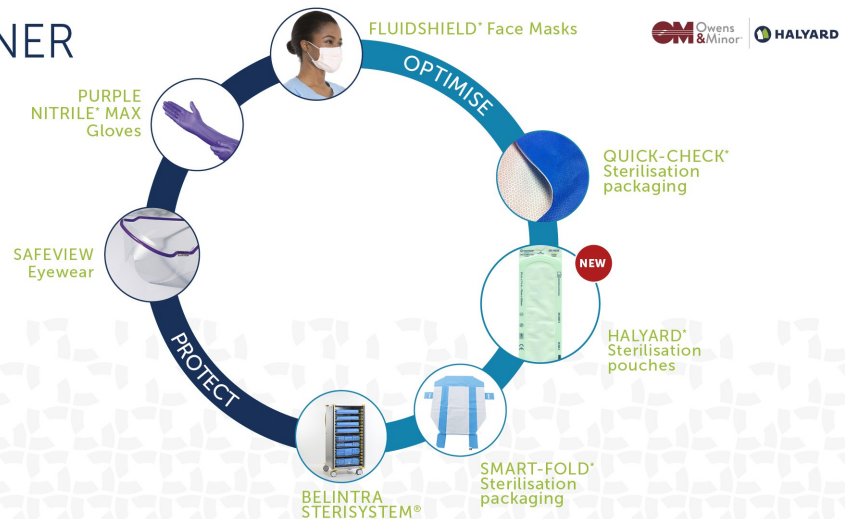
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## Theatres & Decontamination Conference Thursday 19th May, Coventry Building Society Arena



Our one day conference is back for 2022! Providing new insights into issues that are being talked about in real-time, today. The conference agenda has been developed by Theatre Managers and Decontamination Leads. This one day conference is open to all NHS and non-NHS, Theatres, Clinical, Surgical and Decontamination Managers/ Leads.

### Agenda items include:

- **Creating a Black Box Culture within Healthcare**, Damian Cottle, Managing Director of Pegasus RM & Commercial Training Pilot
- **Human Factors—Training as a proactive defence against error**, Chris Gale, Training Academy Manager, Avensys
- **An Examination of the Sterile Services Cleaning Processes for Surgical Instruments**, Matthew Peskett, Managing Director, Peskett Solutions LTD
- **Covid -19 Experiences & Learning**, Mark Rigby, Head of Theatre Services, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS FT



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## What's hot for the coming months

### National Networking Group Meetings

#### May

- Decontamination (Joint Conference)
- EPRR
- Facilities (South)
- Estates
- Operating Theatres (Joint Conference)

#### June

- Arts, Heritage and Design
- Clinical Engineering—North and South
- NHS Car Parking & Sustainable Transport
- Nursing & Temporary Staffing
- Waste Management

### Workshops & Events

**Clinical Professional Development for Occupational Health Nurses**

**Human Factor Onsite Training**

**Introduction to Resilience in the NHS, Onsite Training Workshop**

**Equality and Diversity Onsite Training Workshops**

**Assertiveness & Self-Management Training Workshops**

For details of the above please contact [Marie Cherry](#)

**Putting the Patient First Onsite Training Workshops**

Register your interest with: [Laura Howe](#).

### Conference Dates

**Theatres and Decontamination Conference: 19th May 2022, Coventry**

Register your interest with: [Marie Cherry](#).

**Clinical Engineering Conference: 15th September 2022, Coventry**

Register your interest with: [Marie Cherry](#).

**NDNN Conference 22nd November 2022**

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