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- MRSA: national developments, progress, challenges and targets
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- Monitoring and surveillance of MRSA and Clostridium difficile: an update
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- Improving hand hygiene compliance and accountability
  - Reducing MRSA in primary and community settings
  - Reducing MRSA: an integrated approach using risk management tools
  - Eliminating MRSA across a region

**PLUS put forward your top three tips for reducing MRSA in practice and the top three challenges and barriers.**

**Chair and keynote speakers:**

**Stephen Ramsden**

*Director* The National Patient Safety Campaign and *Chief Executive* Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Trust

**Janice Stevens**

*Associate Director, Healthcare Associated Infection Programme*  
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Chaired by **Stephen Ramsden** *Director The National Patient Safety Campaign and Chief Executive Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Trust* this one day conference provides an important update on new measures and steps to reduce MRSA, with a focus on MRSA screening, improving reliability, reducing MRSA using risk management tools and reducing MRSA in primary and community settings.

Media attention surrounding MRSA has brought the subject of infection very much into the public eye and cutting rates of healthcare associated infections is a key priority in health policy. Some organisations are going further than the targets, NHS South East Coast has set a target to eliminate MRSA completely in Kent by 2011. You will hear from **Sue Webb** *Director of Clinical and Workforce NHS South East Coast* who will discuss the current situation in the region, learning from good practice and their approach to eliminating MRSA.

The conference includes two interactive sessions that will enable you to take part in an open discussion forum and put forward your top three tips for reducing MRSA;

- The future debate: this house believes that universal MRSA screening is the way forward
- Making a difference: consensus on critical factors in reducing MRSA

Whether you are an infection control specialist or member of the hospital team, this one day conference will provide you with a unique opportunity to learn about the latest developments in reducing MRSA and best practice approaches.

## Latest figures show MRSA bloodstream infections plateau

The latest figures on MRSA bloodstream infections show that there were 1,087 cases reported in England during the October to December quarter of 2007. This represents a 0.6% increase on the previous quarter (July to September) when 1,080 reports were received.

Dr Georgia Duckworth, Head of the Agency's Healthcare-Associated Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance Department, said: "Over the last year cases of MRSA bloodstream infection have been steadily falling. We would obviously like to have seen the trend continued in this quarter and hope that ongoing surveillance will show that this plateau is not indicative of a levelling trend, but we need to see next quarter's figures."

HEALTH PROTECTION AGENCY, 24TH APRIL 2008

10.00	<b>Chairman's introduction</b>	
10.10	<b>MRSA: national developments, progress, challenges and targets</b> <b>Janice Stevens</b> <i>Associate Director, Healthcare Associated Infection Programme Department of Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>an update on national developments, progress, challenges and targets</li><li>increasing public confidence in hospitals</li><li>high impact interventions: what works to reduce MRSA</li><li>case studies of good practice from the MRSA improvement teams</li></ul>
10.40	<b>Is it realistic to try to eliminate MRSA? lessons from Europe</b> <b>Professor Hervé Richet</b> <i>Core Group Member, Global Patient Safety Challenge, WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety and Professor, Faculty of Medicine Université of the Mediterranean, Marseille, France</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a zero tolerance approach to MRSA: is it feasible in the UK?</li><li>successful approaches in Europe and from WHO</li><li>changing the way we measure MRSA: moving from rates to days since last outbreak</li><li>lessons and suggestions for improvement</li></ul>
11.10	Questions and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition	
11.45	<b>Monitoring and surveillance of MRSA and Clostridium Difficile: an update</b> <b>Dr Andrew Pearson</b> <i>Consultant Epidemiologist, Healthcare Associated Infection Health Protection Agency</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>monitoring and surveillance of MRSA and C Diff: current issues</li><li>national developments and implications for local systems</li><li>learning lessons and understanding trends from monitoring and surveillance: examples in practice</li></ul>
12.15	<b>Involving and engaging patients</b> <b>Neil Manser</b> <i>Founder Member</i> <b>With Bev Hurst</b> <i>Secretary and Founder Member National Concern for Healthcare Infections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the patient perspective on what works to reduce MRSA</li><li>how to involve and engage patients in reducing MRSA in practice</li><li>case studies and examples of good practice</li></ul>
12.35	<b>The future debate: this house believes that universal MRSA screening is the way forward</b> <i>10 minute presentations followed by audience participation and vote</i> <b>For: Dr Vanya Gant</b> <i>Consultant Clinical Microbiologist University College London Hospitals NHS Trust</i>	<b>Against: Professor Mark Wilcox</b> <i>Clinical Director of Microbiology Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust and Member The Clostridium Difficile Ribotyping Network for England (CDRNE)</i>
13.00	Question and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition	
	<b>Case studies: Making a difference from board to ward</b>	
14.00	<b>Treating MRSA patients at home</b> <b>Kathy Bamford</b> <i>Consultant Microbiologist Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>what proportion of patients are suitable for home treatment?</li><li>the practicalities of treating MRSA patients at home</li><li>examples in practice</li></ul>
14.25	<b>Improving the reliability of MRSA control and prevention measures: lessons from a Safer Patients Initiative Pilot Site</b> <b>Speaker to be confirmed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>tools and techniques that can improve reliability: SPI change methodologies</li><li>the role of care bundles in improving practice</li><li>improving the reliability of MRSA prevention and control: lessons from a Safer Patients Initiative Pilot Site</li></ul>
14.50	<b>Improving hand hygiene compliance and accountability</b> <b>Lisa Godfrey</b> <i>Director of Service Development</i> with <b>Sheila Jownally</b> <i>Senior Nurse Infection Control</i> Queen Mary's Sidcup NHS Trust <i>Queen Mary's Sidcup is the sixth most improved trust in the country in tackling MRSA</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>improving accountability for hand hygiene at the frontline</li><li>compulsory training, spot checks and culture</li><li>a Matron/Ward Manager perspective</li></ul>
15.15	Questions and answers, followed by tea and exhibition	
15.35	<b>Reducing MRSA in primary and community settings</b> <b>Bob Darby</b> <i>Head of Infection Control with GP Leeds Primary Care Trust</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>raising the profile of infection control in primary and community care</li><li>tools and techniques to reduce MRSA in the community</li><li>tackling community acquired MRSA: getting GPs on board</li><li>case study: reducing MRSA in care homes</li></ul>
16.00	<b>Reversing the trend</b> <b>a. Reducing MRSA: an integrated approach using risk management tools</b> <b>Sue Roberts</b> <i>Deputy Director of Infection Prevention and Control East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a proactive integrated approach: ensuring steps taken to reduce MRSA and C Diff work in partnership</li><li>understanding the root causes of an MRSA outbreak: ensuring each outbreak is treated as a clinical incident and properly investigated</li><li>reversing the trend in East Kent: how things have changed</li></ul>
	<b>Reversing the trend</b> <b>b. Eliminating MRSA across a region</b> <b>Sue Webb</b> <i>Director of Clinical and Workforce NHS South East Coast</i>	<b>NHS South East Coast has set a target to eliminate MRSA in Kent by 2011</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>actions and practice to reverse the trend across a region</li><li>learning from and spreading good practice</li><li>our approach and the current situation in the region</li></ul>
17.00	<b>Making a difference: Consensus on critical factors in reducing MRSA</b> <b>Throughout the day delegates and speakers will be asked to put forward their top three tips for reducing MRSA in practice and the top three challenges and barriers. These will then be collated to gain consensus on good practice and discussed with the audience.</b>	
17.15	Close	



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