

Review information about IPS

The Infection Prevention Society of the UK and Ireland is a registered charity, existing to serve its active network of around 1,850 members working in infection prevention and control, in both health and social care. Whilst it is not a patient focused group itself, at times it works with a number of organisations representing patients' interests but primarily health and social care organisations in the course of its work.

Our vision is that no person is harmed by a preventable infection.

Our Three Key Aims

IPS will:

- 1. Lead, shape and *inform* the infection prevention agenda locally, nationally and internationally.**
- 2. Influence and *promote* the evidence base for infection prevention practice that is adopted universally.**
- 3. Be the organisation of choice for all those involved in infection prevention to *sustain* improvements in practice.**

The focus of the society is on patient experience and patient outcome and ensuring that everything that happens to patients when they are poorly means that they are not harmed by the things that we do to them.

It is important that we support practitioners within the speciality to maintain their competence, challenge practice behave as if they are strong professionals and have passion for what they do.

Helps professionals to develop skills those caring abilities

We specifically promote skills in monitoring and improving quality indicators such as hand hygiene practices, as well as assessing risks from drug resistant bacteria for example.

Education is a key activity for the society which organises many events and infection prevention programmes of work are run by our members in hospitals, clinics and other areas aimed at professionals at all levels.

As well as running educational events we support our members to help build competence and practice effective care. We do this through:

- research;
- sharing of knowledge;
- influencing national policies.

Many of our members sit on national committees, are authors of national guidelines, write scientific papers, present at conferences and are involved in research programmes.



Infection Prevention Society actively collaborates with governmental agencies, regulatory bodies, other professional societies, making our work both rewarding and supportive of our vision.