

## Annex 1

### Member society profile (for the web site)

(to be prepared as soon as you can and possibly before the October meeting)

1. Name of the society\*/Institution\* (included acronym):

Healthcare Infection Society (HIS)

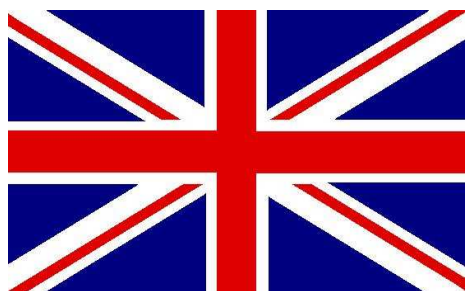
2. Legal address:

Montagu House  
7E Wakefield Street  
London  
WC1N 1PG  
United Kingdom

3. Logo of the society (to be published in the web site)



4. Flag of the country



5. President / legally responsible person:

President – Professor Hilary Humphreys

Chairman – Dr Elisabeth Ridgway

6. Contact person (who will represent the society in the network):

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Surname: Bak

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7. Short presentation of the society: scope, members, history (max 250 words)

The Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) is an international organisation and a charity whose objectives are to advance knowledge of, foster scientific interest in and disseminate information about the prevention and control of hospital and other healthcare associated infections, to medical and allied professionals for the benefit of the public.

The membership of HIS is largely medical, especially consultant microbiologists and trainees, and associate membership is available to nurses and other health professionals with a professional interest in infection control.

The Society has the following statements of purpose:

## **Vision**

We envision a world in which healthcare-associated infections have been reduced to negligible levels.

## **Mission**

Our mission is to provide healthcare professionals with the knowledge and tools they need to prevent and control healthcare-associated infections.

## **Values**

We believe that:

- Good science underpins good clinical practice.
- Many healthcare-associated infections are preventable through effective multidisciplinary teamwork.
- Continual professional learning and development is necessary to reduce the incidence of healthcare-associated infections.
- Collaboration within and beyond the Society will help to advance and communicate knowledge.

## 8. Our membership:

<u>Total</u> Membership	1207 of which
Full	719
Associate	34
Trainee	411
Retired	40
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## 9. Web site (if existing), and contact email address.

[www.his.org.uk](http://www.his.org.uk)

## 10. Publications: i.e. journals, books, guidelines, position papers, others

The *Journal of Hospital Infection* is the official scientific publication of the [Healthcare Infection Society](#). The Editor invites original papers, leading articles and correspondence in English, on all aspects of hospital infection as well as reviews on subjects of current interest. The journal seeks to promote collaboration between the many disciplines in infection control in different countries resulting in multidisciplinary and international coverage of the latest developments in this crucial area. Research areas include but are not limited to:

- Outbreak prevention in hospital or community settings
- Healthcare-associated infection surveillance
- Methods of prevention of healthcare-associated infection
- Prevention of infection in immunosuppressed patients
- Infection hazards associated with medical devices
- Role of medical equipment in healthcare-associated infection
- Disinfection and sterilization
- Cleaning, environmental contamination and its surveillance
- Management of clinical waste
- Laboratory diagnostics in relation to infection prevention and control
- Use of antibiotic prophylaxis in infection prevention
- Use of IT systems in infection surveillance
- Design of hospitals and healthcare premises
- Infection hazards associated with critical care units, or other specific healthcare departments

Website: <[www.journalofhospitalinfection.com](http://www.journalofhospitalinfection.com)>

*Infection Prevention in Practice* (IPIP), an open access companion title to the respected Journal of Hospital Infection, is the editorially independent online journal of the Healthcare Infection Society (HIS). IPIP provides a comprehensive fully open access resource for all those working in the field of prevention and treatment of healthcare-associated infections (HCAIs) worldwide. In accordance with the charitable aims of the HIS, this fully open access online journal maximises the discoverability of latest research related to all aspects of infection. Fair article processing charges ensure publication in IPIP is also increasingly accessible to those authors (irrespective of funding) who wish to publish in a high quality, independently peer-reviewed journal.

IPIP welcomes high quality articles (in the form of local research studies, experiences, case reports, novel techniques, best practice and outbreak reports) in the field of infection prevention and control (IPC) that will influence clinical best practice and reduce the global burden of infection in healthcare. We encourage submissions in the following areas:

- Antimicrobial stewardship (including antivirals and antifungals)
- Diagnostic stewardship and impact on infection prevention control
- Local hospital surveys and research in clinical infections
- Local epidemiological and environmental studies of infectious agents

- Novel infectious agent descriptions, strain characterisation and case reports that relate to HCAs
- Novel treatments for HCAs, including clinical trials
- Infection prevention and control challenges in developing countries
- Hospital and community healthcare management and resources
- Healthcare environments and building design
- Outbreaks - surveillance, management and learning points
- Research methodology and ethical considerations
- Vaccines that relate to HCAs
- IPC outreach and educational activities
- Public health interventions in infection
  
- Clinical diagnosis of HCAs

Website <[www.journals.elsevier.com/infection-prevention-in-practice](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/infection-prevention-in-practice)>

## 11. Main activities: ( max 250 words)

- a. Training initiatives
  - Annual HIS Spring Meetings
  - Collaborative educational workshops with other Societies
  - HIS International Conference 2014 in Lyons
  - International Seminar Collaboration (India 2013)
  - Facilitation of themed sessions at other Major Conferences: eg Federation of Infection Societies, International Federation Infection Control, Health Protection Agency, Infection Prevention Society.
  - Partners in the Diploma Hospital Infection Control
  - Focussed education for Trainees
  
- b. Research – HIS awards research grants
  - 4 major grants, each up to £33.000 for 1 – 3 years
  - 10 small research grants, each up to £10.000
  - 2 Mike Emmerson Young Investigator awards, each of £10.000
  - Travel grants

### c. Clinical Guidelines

We work in collaboration with experts and other societies to produce evidence-based guidelines following our NICE accredited methodology, and practical guidance following expert consensus. Our current guideline development groups (working parties) include:

- Management of norovirus outbreaks in acute and community health and social care settings
- Infection prevention and control of Group A streptococcal infection in acute healthcare and maternity settings in the UK
- Prevention and control of infection in burns units (joint with British Burns Association)

- Microbiological commissioning and monitoring of operating theatre suites
- Rituals and behaviours in the operating theatre (joint with the ESCMID ESGNI study group)
- Final rinse water for endoscope washer disinfectors
- Water management
- Automatic room decontamination
- Meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (joint HIS and IPS)
- COVID-19 Rapid Guidance (joint HIS, IPS, BIA, RCPATH)

d. HIS events

Please visit our website for more information on our conferences and training events:

[<www.his.org.uk/training-events/events-diary>](http://www.his.org.uk/training-events/events-diary)