

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:

162, Kings Cross Road

London

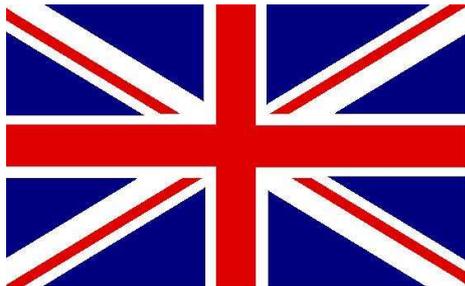
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United Kingdom

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



4. Flag of the country



5. President / legally responsible person:

Chairman – Dr Tim Boswell

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

Name: Carole

Surname: Fry

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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. Members in the last year (2011): n.

<u>Total Membership</u>	777 of which
Full	612
Associate	131
Trainee	24
Retired	10

9. Web site (if existing), and contact email address.

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 <<http://www.journalofhospitalinfection.com/>>.

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
 - Focused 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. Special interest groups – current guideline development groups include

- Multidrug-Resistant Gram-Negative Infections
- Sporicide Working Group.
- Respiratory and Facial Protection
- Prevention and Control of Infection in Burns Units
- Microbiological commissioning and monitoring of operating theatre suites
- Decontamination of Intra-cavity devices
- Prevention and Control of Bone and Joint Infections

d. Congresses, The 8th Healthcare Infection Society International Conference will be held in Liverpool from 19 – 21 November 2012. For further information <www.hisconference.org.uk>