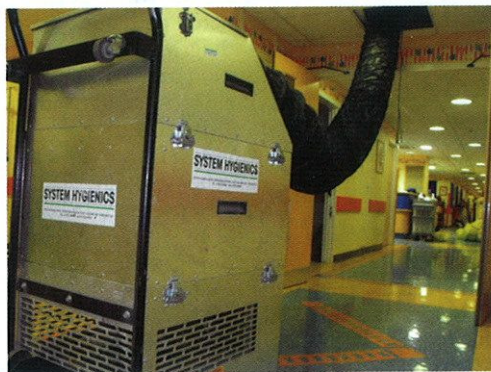


**A**ir hygiene specialist System Hygienics is helping healthcare professionals to identify and eradicate MRSA bacteria in hospital ventilation systems, enabling them to meet Department of Health guidelines.

In a recent survey at a major hospital in the East of England, System Hygienics undertook analysis of samples taken from the ventilation system, pre and post-cleaning, throughout the building, including open wards and isolation rooms. Out of 14 samples, evidence of MRSA microorganism contamination was found in nine areas of the ventilation system. System Hygienics then cleaned the ventilation ductwork using its JetVent system. Subsequent analysis of samples taken from the same locations within the hospital proved negative for



## Identifies and eradicates MRSA in hospitals



MRSA bacteria.

As a result of System Hygienics' specialist cleaning procedure, the hospital is able to meet the DH's guidelines on the operational management and performance verification of specialised ventilation systems (HTM 03-01: Specialised Ventilation for Healthcare Premises, published December 2007). The guidelines state that ventilation plant in critical care areas must not contain any material or substance that could support the growth of microorganisms.

A spokesperson for the hospital said: "The staff were very impressed with the professionalism and efficiency of the System Hygienics team. All works were completed on time and without any unplanned inconvenience to our patients. I

would have no hesitation in recommending System Hygienics to any other hospital."

To control the risk of infections in hospitals, unseen ventilation system ductwork surfaces must be cleaned regularly to prevent the build-up of dust and dirt composed of a mixture of organic compounds, including a high proportion of skin and hair. If left, this mix becomes a valuable nutrient for harmful microorganisms such as MRSA and C.diff, which can easily become airborne and

infect patients.

System Hygienics' JetVent system cleans the ductwork with negligible disruption to the day-to-day running of the building. Minimal access to ductwork is required, as up to 100 metres can be reached from one point. There is no leakage of contaminants, and cleaning is achieved quickly and efficiently. The cleaning process ensures hospitals meet the guidelines specified in the new HTM 03-01. Additionally, a photographic report incorporating before and after photos and a certificate of cleanliness is provided to offer hospitals piece of mind.

With over 15 years of working with NHS and private hospitals, System Hygienics has a reputation for reliability and professionalism. The company is a member of the Hotchkiss Group, which provides specialist services in ductwork contracting, fire-resistant duct systems, ventilation products and accessories and fire-resistant and acoustic ductwork coatings.

For more information, visit [www.systemhygienics.co.uk](http://www.systemhygienics.co.uk)

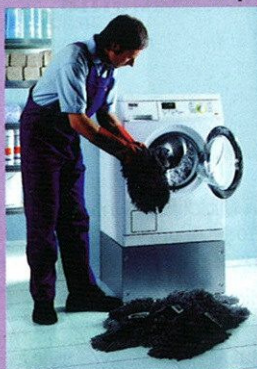
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## Joins BICs

Leading commercial cleaning equipment manufacturer Miele Professional has been accepted as a corporate member of the British Institute of Cleaning Science (BICSc).

Of particular focus for the institute's membership will be Miele's latest washer extractor which is aimed specifically at the contract cleaning market, the PW 5064. With a maximum load size of 6.5 kg, this machine has specialised programmes for washing all manner of textiles from mopheads, cloths, and curtains to towels and bedding. It is suitable for small buildings as well as multiple installations at larger contract cleaning sites.

"To ensure high standards of hygiene in contract cleaning, mops and cloths must be cleaned regularly after use," explained



Miele Professional sales and marketing director, Les Marshall. "Whether at a school, kindergarten, office or hygienically sensitive areas such as hospitals and care homes, on-premise laundry facilities depend on the reliable reprocessing and

disinfection of such materials.

"Membership to the UK's premier cleaning institute gives us the opportunity to work together with BICSc for the better of the industry."

Barbara Leake, membership services manager at BICSc, said: "Miele

Professional is renowned for its reliability and durability in terms of quality machines that meet legal guidelines for infection control. We will work closely together to provide feasible solutions, be it via education or training, for the industry."

Visit [www.miele-professional.co.uk](http://www.miele-professional.co.uk) or call 0845 330 3618.

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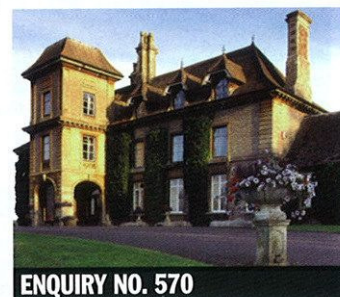
## New double award in Infection Prevention and Control

**E**astwood Park is developing a new double award in its Infection Prevention and Control training portfolio to increase the scope of the training currently available in this crucial area. Following the new Level 2 Award in Prevention and Control of Infection launched by City and Guilds last September, Eastwood Park will be offering the same award in conjunction with its Prevention in the Sluice room course, enabling students to gain a double City & Guilds award.

Angela Palmer, Eastwood Park's new NVQ manager, said: "We have looked in depth at the two qualifications and the criteria for the two courses and we have mapped out a single course which will bring double the benefits to our students. The course will focus on the principles of operating safely to prevent infection within this volatile sluice room environment with particular emphasis on current issues such as C.difficile and MRSA etc."

The well-established training centre at Falfield, which boasts technical training facilities that are second to none in the country, has replicated a sluice room training environment, complete with the relevant equipment for the facilitation of the practical aspects of the course. This enables nursing staff, healthcare workers and those involved in social care to deal with the practical aspects of clinical waste and bodily fluids.

For further information about dates when the course will become available contact Eastwood Park on 01454 262777 or e-mail [sales@eastwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:sales@eastwoodpark.co.uk)



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