

## WHO Global Hand Hygiene Day



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On Thursday 5 May, the Trust supported the WHO Global Hand Hygiene Day by promoting our new 'Clean Happy' campaign. Clean Happy is designed to raise awareness about Infection Prevention and Control throughout the Trust. Staff manned a stand outside the Outpatient Department highlighting the importance of effective Infection Prevention and Control. This covered information on MRSA, Cdiff and other bugs, and how to prevent them.

Staff, patients and visitors tested their hand washing techniques under a light box to assess how effectively they actually cleaned their hands! After each test the participants were given advice on how to ensure that the

correct handwashing techniques were used each and every time.

It is really important to note that most health care-associated infections (HCAIs) are preventable through good Hand Hygiene – that is cleaning our hands in the right way. You will already be aware that good hand hygiene is a major factor in combating the spread of infection so its importance cannot be overstated.

Keeping patients, visitors and staff safe is our top priority!