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Welcome to the Summer 2024 edition of the IDSc Journal and our first digital version of the Journal. As a communications and marketing team we are still finding our feet with the design and lay out so please bear with us. As we progress with the digital format we hope to make improvements to reader experience, functionality and hope to make the journal more interactive.

Its been a busy quarter for the IDSc with lots of work going on behind the scenes, we have the Technical Certificate for Endoscopy getting ever closer to completion, the 2024 conference agenda confirmed and now open for delegate booking.

### **NHSE Technical Bulletin has been released**

This has been eagerly awaited following the 2022 HSSIB report. There is more detail on this on the inside but the document is proving to be a valuable addition to HTMO1-01 and will without doubt support Decontamination Professionals with improving the standards and education in our organisations.

So, what can you expect from the new Journal? We have changed the contents by deciding on a fixed format to bring more information to our members and to celebrate the work of our members and our branches. Going forward we want to always have the Branch focus section, this talks about the work our branches are doing and can be about absolutely

anything the branches want to share. We aim to celebrate two branches every edition, this time we have the South-Central Branch and the Midlands Branch talking about the Study Days they have done and are doing.

### **Celebrating best practice.**

Another new section is our best practice section, again, the aim is to have this for every edition to showcase the excellent work and innovation our members are providing to the health service, constantly striving for best practice. In this edition we have articles from Manchester University NHS Trust and a collaboration of Northern Irish Hospitals (Omagh Hospital, Southwest Acute Hospital, Enniskillen and Altnagelvin Area Hospital) showing how to work well together.

We also want to maintain tradition with the new digital journal and continue to bring members updates on education, industry news and the latest on research, standards and new technology. Inside we have research on Phaco handpieces from Jim Tinsdale AE(D). Our Director of Research and Emerging Technologies Darren Carter MIDSc (Chtd), updates us on the work he's been doing with the NHS Get it Right First Time initiative (GIRFT). Darren also provides an update from the BSI standards committee. We have a paper from Nanosonics about the potential future of flexible Endoscope Decontamination and fully automated processes.

Finally, we have a review of Decontamination events and the discussions that took place, this time our writer David Stephenson has provided a review on the CSC's Annual Scientific Meeting in April.

While thanking all our members for your individual contributions to our institutes excellence, I would like to remind you all that while we strive for best practice, we lift the standards and encourage our branches to provide the best forums for

shared learning and excellence, with the aim to always lead the way for national decontamination practices.

I hope you enjoy the content and find the information interesting and helpful, and, if you have anything you want to share to showcase the work of your teams, branches or organisations, or anything you think we should feature, please contact either myself at [Communication@IDSc.co.uk](mailto:Communication@IDSc.co.uk) or our Admin team on [Marketing@IDSc.co.uk](mailto:Marketing@IDSc.co.uk)

## IDSc Technical Certificate



The programme is designed to meet the needs of technicians and supervisors embarking upon a career in decontamination sciences, whose main role will be within a decontamination service department.