

## **UV Light Technology Limited Win NHS Competition To Beat Hospital Bugs**

UV Light Technology Limited of Birmingham are delighted to announce their success as a winner in the NHS Smart Solutions Programme, aimed at finding the best products and technologies from across all industry sectors, to be used to fight healthcare associated infections (HCAIs), especially methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and *Clostridium difficile* (*C.difficile*).

Smart Solutions for HCAI is a national programme run by *TrusTECH*®, the North West of England NHS Innovation Hub, on behalf of the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency (NHS PASA) and supported by the NHS National Innovation Centre. The programme is part of a wider HCAI Technology Innovation Programme and is a joint initiative between the Department of Health and NHS PASA which aims to speed up the development and introduction of new technologies to help combat infections.

The Company manufactures UV light inspection lamps which reveal contamination invisible under normal lighting, exposing any areas that have been missed on apparently clean surfaces. Used for checking effectiveness of cleaning procedures, audits and training, they will identify problem areas not cleaned properly and train new and existing staff to clean to the required standards.

Paul Jackson, Managing Director of UV Light Technology says....."Our UV lamps offer a quick, simple and effective method to make a real difference in achieving and maintaining high standards of cleanliness in hospitals for infection control". He continued..... "They are a valuable tool which should become essential equipment to improve cleanliness, help reduce HCAIs and increase public confidence by showing

that hospitals are taking cleanliness very seriously, by going much further than just what can be seen with the naked eye”.

The UV lamps will now take part in showcase hospital evaluations to gather evidence of their ability to fight HCAs, with a view to supplying them across the NHS.

Bryan Griffiths, Smart Solutions for HCAI Project Director, said..... “Response to the project has been overwhelming and judges have been extremely impressed by the high standard of entries. They have had to make some difficult decisions in choosing the winners”. He continued..... “In our mission to find new solutions to HCAs, we have looked at a wide array of industry sectors. The final list includes some of the most innovative products in their field and will hopefully provide us with new weapons in the fight against HCAs in the future.”

This product is just one of UV Light Technology Limited’s extensive range of ultraviolet light equipment for an increasingly broad spectrum of applications worldwide.

A readily accessible introduction to the use of UV light across a wide variety of applications is provided on the Company’s web site, [www.uv-light.co.uk](http://www.uv-light.co.uk). This also acts as a product selector based on application, as only UV equipment which is suitable will be displayed in a structured manner.

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## **Picture Caption:**

It looks clean ..... But is it?

Appearances are important, but cleanliness must go much further than just what can be seen with the naked eye. UV light will reveal the shocking truth.

More photographs available on request

## **Notes for Editors**

### **Tackling healthcare associated infections (HCAIs)**

Tackling the problem of HCAIs is high on the government agenda. The NHS Operating Framework for 2008/9 gives improving cleanliness and reducing HCAIs as a top priority for the NHS. NHS organisations will have to reduce the annual number of MRSA bloodstream infections to less than half the number in 2003/4 and by 2011 there will need to be a 30% reduction in *C.difficile* infections from 2007/8 levels.

### **Smart Solutions**

Smart Solutions for HCAI is a national programme run by *TrusTECH*®, the North West of England NHS Innovation Hub, on behalf of the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency (NHS PASA) and supported by the NHS National Innovation Centre.

Applications for the programme were received from across the UK and from Ireland, Holland, Italy, Germany, France, Canada and the US. They were screened by an expert review panel consisting of leading academics, nurses and other infection control specialists. Around 30 hospitals have applied to host evaluations.

UV Light Technology Limited were one of only 9 winners from around 250 applications.

<http://www.smartsolutionsforhcai.co.uk/news.htm#News1>

### **NHS PASA**

NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency is an executive agency of the Department of Health. It works to ensure that the NHS in England makes the most cost effective use of its resources by getting the best possible value for money when purchasing goods and services.