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Press Release

Trust are seen as infection control specialists

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Chief Executive chaired a major national conference in Westminster on Tuesday this week entitled *A Practical Guide to Reducing Clostridium*.

Glenn said: "I was happy to take up the invitation to chair the conference because it was a welcome recognition of what everyone in this trust has achieved. In less than two years we have become one of the trusts with the best records on infection control in the country.

"I came away with some good new ideas. It was remarkable, though how many of the best performers in the field had adopted measures we put in place over 18 months ago."

MTW has seen a 60% fall in *C. difficile* and a 33% drop in MRSA bloodstream infections in the past year.

Key speakers at the conference included:

- Judy Gillow, Joint Programme Lead, *No Needless Infection* NHS South Central Director of Nursing Southampton University Hospital NHS Trust and Team Member National Patient Safety Campaign
- Dr Andrew Pearson, Consultant Epidemiologist, Health Protection Agency
- Bev Hurst, Secretary and Founder Member National Concern for Healthcare Infections, and Patients for Patients Safety Champion England, WHO World Alliance for patient Safety

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