

### Patients' Council Diary of Events Report Form

<b>Event Title</b>	<b>Reducing Clostridium Difficile</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009</b>
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<b>Overview of Event</b>	<p><b>Marie Douglas and myself attended this Healthcare event to hear the international and UK update on the current issues of monitoring and surveillance of MRSA and Clostridium Difficile and learning from these outbreaks giving practical examples given by Dr Andrew Pearson, Consultant Epidemiologist from the Health Protection Agency</b></p> <p><b>The conference also included presentations focusing on Cdiff as a patient safety and quality indicator, developing indicators and metrics and how to manage outbreaks and periods of increase incidence.</b></p> <p><b>The most interesting and thought provoking talk was given by Bev Hirst, Secretary and Founder Member of National Concern for Healthcare Infections and Patients for Patients Safety Champion. Bev said she had been motivated to campaign for patient safety issues since the death of her mother in 2003 with MRSA. Bev herself has been an NHS user for many years and says she has seen both excellent and poor practice and firmly believes the only way to address the issues of Health care Infection and Patient Safety is to work in collaboration not confrontation with all parties concerned.</b></p> <p><b>We were a rather disappointed with the event there are usually a few exhibitors at the events there was only one there demonstrating a hand wash sink.</b></p>

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