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Preventing the spread of infection

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's infection prevention and control team are raising awareness of their important role in patient safety during International Infection Prevention Week.

They organised an information stand in Alexander's restaurant at South Tyneside District Hospital, giving the public and staff the opportunity to find out more about their individual jobs, from healthcare assistant to specialist nurse. They are also promoting one of the simplest but most effective ways for members of the public to prevent infection - good handwashing. This involves washing hands with soap and water when they look or feel dirty, after using the toilet and before eating, then drying thoroughly on a clean towel. For staff, they are emphasising the importance of following the Trust's hand hygiene policy.

International Infection Prevention Week ends on Saturday (October 25th).
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Pictured above: The photograph shows staff nurse Julie Douthwaite and student nurse Andrea Toop at the infection prevention and control team's stand at South Tyneside District Hospital.

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