

Clean Ductwork – an Essential part of the Battle against MRSA

As evidenced by the increasing number of enquiries received by Indepth Hygiene Services ~ the UK's No. 1 provider of specialist ventilation cleaning services ~ more Hospital Estates and Facilities Managers are now aware of the health dangers of uncleaned air conditioning systems. They have taken note of the increasing evidence that these systems provide ideal conditions for the cultivation and dissemination of Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI's) particularly MRSA and C.difficile.

Dust and debris which accumulates on the internal surfaces of ducting contains human skin and hair particles. Combined with the typical temperature and humidity conditions found in these systems they provide ideal opportunities for the growth of harmful micro-organisms which are disseminated as the air conditioning system circulates air throughout the hospital.

The Department of Health has voiced its concerns by stating:

“Increased health risks to patients will occur if ventilation systems do not achieve and maintain required standards. The link between surgical site infection and theatre air quality is well established.”



Internal surfaces of air conditioning duct showing accumulation of dust and debris

To assist Estates and Facilities Managers to assess the level of risk in ventilation systems, Indepth Hygiene will carry out health risk surveys and provide detailed reports, **free of charge**.

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