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## **Sodexo's 15 year relationship with Shetland Health Board is extended**

Sodexo Healthcare has been re-awarded its hotel services contract with the Shetland NHS Board for a further five years.

The £1.7 million a year contract includes the provision of catering, cleaning, portering and caretaking, plus laundry and linen at various sites on the Shetland Islands including the Board's head office, two hospitals (Gilbert Bain and Montfield) and health centre in Lerwick and health centres in Brae and Bixter. In total Sodexo employs 100 people within the contract.

Sodexo has been providing services at the hospital since 1992, the new contract will begin in January 2007. Chief Executive of the Board Sandra Laursen said 'We are pleased to announce this contract award and look forward to continuing our excellent working relationship with Sodexo. Patients will continue to enjoy the same high standards of service that we have come to expect from Sodexo and their staff.

Earlier this year Sodexo and the Board celebrated coming in as runner up for the Scotland's Best Cleaned Premises in the British Institute of Cleaning Sciences (BICS) for Excellence in Cleaning Awards 2006.

Iain Anderson, managing director for Sodexo Healthcare commented, "I am delighted at the success of being re-awarded this contract and also very proud of the partnerships we have built up over the years with the Board and also with the local community. Our team at the Gilbert Bain Hospital, many of whom have worked for us for many years remain committed to supporting the Board through the services we provide."

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