

## SVUH Hygiene Awareness Week July 28th - 1st August 2008

St. Vincent's University Hospital is holding their first ever Hygiene Awareness Week from 28th July to 1st August, 2008. The purpose of the Hygiene Awareness Week is to increase staff awareness and promote the range of hygiene related activities underway across SVUH to both staff and the public.

Throughout the week there will be information stands for patients/visitors and the public in the main corridor of the hospital. These will include:

- Displays by various departments including: Infection control, catering, portering, household services and nursing.
- Information stands from external contractors.
- Training sessions on hand hygiene by Infection Control.
- Information on the National Hygiene Audit.

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) will be commencing the National Hygiene Audit for 2008 over the next few weeks. This involves a team of auditors arriving unannounced to visit different areas in the hospital, conduct interviews with staff and review supporting documentation.