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## Sodexo prisons receive ‘Five-Star’ audit rating from British Safety Council

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**All five prisons operated by Sodexo have achieved the British Safety Council’s (BSC) integrated Five-Star Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Audit.**

Sodexo has been working with the BSC for many years and in 2016 began its integrated Five Star SHE audit programme. The programme includes five best practice indicators that are continually assessed throughout the audit process going beyond the requirements of established standards by assessing safety, health and environmental management systems against current best practice techniques and current trends.

The audit goes over and above the requirements of current health and safety management systems such as OHSAS 18001 and demonstrates Sodexo’s commitment to achieving excellence in health and safety standards.

**Bill Hui, Group Head of Safety & Risk, Sodexo Justice Services, UK & Ireland commented,** *“We are delighted to have achieved the Five Star Integrated SHE Audit across all five prisons. Safety and security within our prisons is a top priority for Sodexo. We have worked closely with the BSC throughout the audit process and our teams have demonstrated a high level of commitment to ensuring a safe and effectively managed workplace.”*

The British Safety Council was established in 1957 and is a trusted guide to excellent health, safety and environmental management working with organisations of all sizes and in all sectors.

**David Parr, Policy and Technical director of the British Safety Council said,** *“Sodexo has demonstrated an excellent commitment toward ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of their staff and other stakeholders.*

*Achieving five star grades across all of their managed prisons is a testament to the leadership of the senior management and dedication of all staff toward ensuring best practice standards in health, safety and environmental management are maintained across the sites. The British Safety Council is pleased to support Sodexo and look forward to continuing this support in the future”*

The five prisons managed by Sodexo are: HMP Bronzefield; HMP Forest Bank; HMP Northumberland and HMP Peterborough in England, and HMP Addiewell in Scotland.

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