

National gong for South Infirmery hospital

CORK'S South Infirmery
Victoria University
Hospital (SIUVH) has won
a national award for best
hygiene and food safety.

The National Q Mark
standard guarantees staff,
patients, and visitors that
the hospital operates
what's known as a
continuous improvement
programme for hygiene
and food safety in their
kitchens.

It means that 100% of
their systems, processes
and procedures are
monitored for best
practice.

The Q Mark standard also
operates at a higher level
than current legislative
requirements.

It is the fourth year in a
row that the SIVUH has
achieved this mark.

Their catering team in the
hospital are responsible
for the food provided to
the 24,500 admissions and
54,000 outpatients and
thousands of visitors that
the hospital gets each year.

Pauline Hannafin, the
hospital's Catering and
Household Manager, said
that she was very proud of
her team's commitment to
providing the very best
quality and excellence to
their customers.

"This is our seventh time
being nominated for this
award demonstrating our
continuous commitment to
quality and excellence in
hygiene and food safety,"
she said.

The Managing Director of
The National Q Mark,
Irene Collins said:

"Pauline and the team in
South Infirmery Victoria
University Hospital are no
strangers to the winner's
stage because they believe
that Excellence is a
gradual result of always
striving to do better."