Welcome to the annual Staff Recognition Awards. Once again, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is proud to recognise the contribution our staff make to the success of our organisation and for our patients. Through Delivering Compassionate Excellence, our people and our teams go the extra mile to make Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust the special place that it is.

SEE INSIDE for a FULL LIST of shortlisted nominees and WINNERS of the individual categories as well as the winners for the Oxford Mail Hospital Heroes Awards.
THE OUH STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS took place at Oxford Town Hall on Wednesday, 9 December and marked the outstanding achievement, hard work and dedication shown by our staff every day of the year. The awards celebrated the amazing people who work here and the contribution they make. The night also provided a fantastic opportunity for us to shine a light on the great work undertaken at all of our hospital sites and out in the community.

Over 700 award nominations were received, and around 200 people were invited to the special evening event. We were pleased to be joined by representatives of the Oxford Mail, who presented their Hospital Heroes Awards. The newspaper launched its search for a Hospital Hero in the summer and invited its readers to send in nominations for both teams and individuals across all four of our hospital sites.

The evening was expertly hosted by two of our talented Emergency Department staff, Matron Louise Rawlinson and Dr Larry Fitton.

Many congratulations to all of our finalists on their well-deserved recognition, and thank you to all members of staff who took the time to submit their nominations.

**Award for Excellence**

**GOLD:** Lorraine Clark  
Laboratory Manager and Head Biomedical Scientist, Microbiology, John Radcliffe Hospital

**SILVER:** Astrid Dawson  
Theatre Staff Nurse, Horton General Hospital

**BRONZE:** Dr Clare Robertson  
Paediatric Consultant, John Radcliffe Hospital

**Award for Care and Compassion**

**GOLD:** Debbie Cowee  
Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Support Worker, Churchill Hospital

**SILVER:** Susan Young  
Midwife, Women’s Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital

**BRONZE:** Dr Brenda Kelly  
Consultant Obstetrician and Specialist, John Radcliffe Hospital

**Award for Improvement to Services**

**GOLD:** Aleksandra Rygiel  
Clerical Officer, Radiology, Churchill Hospital

**SILVER:** Dr Paul Harden  
Renal Medicine Consultant, Churchill Hospital

**BRONZE:** The Children’s Hospital Play Team  
John Radcliffe Hospital

**Award for Working in Partnership**

**GOLD:** Helen Wiskin  
Patient Transport Manager, John Radcliffe Hospital

**SILVER:** The Sapling Groups  
who work at Banbury’s Sunshine Centre and East Oxford’s Florence Park Children’s Centre

**BRONZE:** Clare Crowley  
Lead Medicines Safety Pharmacist, John Radcliffe Hospital

**Award for Supporter of the Year**

**GOLD:** Tony O’Malley  
Volunteer with the Diabetes Quality Assurance Group

**SILVER:** Johanna and Peter Dodd  
Fundraisers

**BRONZE:** Harriet and Paul Cox  
Fundraisers

**Award for Leadership**

**GOLD:** Alison Bragg  
Lead Occupational Therapist, OCE

**SILVER:** Zoe Pooley  
Specialist Matron, Melanie’s ward, John Radcliffe Hospital

**BRONZE:** Sheila Lumley  
Specialty Registrar in Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital

**Award for Team of the Year**

**GOLD:** Neurosciences Intensive Care Team  
West Wing, John Radcliffe Hospital (pictured)

**SILVER:** Dr Nicola Jones and the John Warin Ward  
Churchill Hospital

**BRONZE:** The Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration Team (ePMA)  
John Radcliffe Hospital

**Award for Outstanding Achievement**

**GOLD:** Lynda Huard  
(pictured)  
Sister, Medicine, Rehabilitation and Cardiac department, John Radcliffe Hospital

**SILVER:** Patricia Franklin  
Sister, Renal and Transplant department, Churchill Hospital

**BRONZE:** Penny Hambridge  
Charitable Funds Officer, John Radcliffe Hospital

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The Oxford Mail launched a campaign in July to find Hospitals Heroes from across the Trust. Readers were invited to nominate an individual or team from OUH who they felt had gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Five individual staff members and five teams were shortlisted from more than 70 nominations. The winners were presented with a trophy and framed certificates by the Regional Editor Gary Lawrence and the paper’s Managing Editor Sara Taylor.

**TEAM AWARD**

**Winner: Upper Gastrointestinal Team, Churchill Hospital**

Nursing sister, Gill Dyer said the upper gastrointestinal team felt ‘humbled’ after being named as the county’s Hospital Heroes.

The medics, who are based at the Churchill Hospital, were nominated by County Councillor for Grove and Wantage, Zoe Patrick.

Speaking after being named the winners of the Hospital Heroes Team Award, Mrs Dyer said: “It’s brilliant. It’s nice to know our work is appreciated because the whole team worked really hard. We value our patients’ care, and to us that’s so important.”

**SHORTLISTED TEAMS:**

- Andrew Brent and the Microbiology Team
  Churchill Hospital
- Consultant Jane Collier and the Hepatology Team
  John Radcliffe Hospital
- Ward 15 Urology Team
  Churchill Hospital
- The Jane Ashley Colorectal Centre
  Churchill Hospital

**INDIVIDUAL AWARD**

Sara Taylor, Managing Editor of the Oxford Mail said: “It was incredibly difficult to choose an overall winner, so I did not choose one, I chose two.” The two winners were:

**Joint Winner: Tracey Roberts, Nursing Assistant**

Nursing assistant Tracey Roberts said she was ‘blown away’ after being awarded the Hospital Heroes individual award.

Tracey was nominated by Fraser Proudfoot for the care of his grandfather who has dementia and was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital’s emergency assessment unit in June. Fraser said Miss Roberts treated his grandfather with ‘real compassion and understanding’, at a time when his grandfather was confused and frightened at being in unfamiliar surroundings.

**Joint Winner: Bob Sharp, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon**

Consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Bob Sharp was nominated by Jamie Williams, 23 who said she felt ‘eternally grateful’ he helped save her legs from amputation, saying that Dr Sharp’s continued care enabled her to ‘live a normal life’.

Mr Sharp said: “I feel humbled. It’s really fantastic to work at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre. It should be Tracey getting the award for her attitude to life in the face of adversity.”

**SHORTLISTED INDIVIDUALS:**

- Jacqui Halliday
  Orthopaedic Technician
  Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre
- Kokila Kakhoo
  Paediatric Consultant
- Neil Mortensen
  Professor of Colorectal Surgery

Thank you to all the Oxford Mail readers who took the time to nominate individuals and teams.