

PRESS RELEASE

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NHS staff celebrate their success

Worcestershire PCT's star staff have been recognised at a prestigious awards ceremony held to celebrate their achievements.



Pictured: Chairman Bryan Smith, Matron, Lin Ingles and Director of Provider Services, Thereasa French.

More than 200 people turned up to help congratulate their colleagues at the PCT's annual Long Service and Staff Achievement Awards held on Wednesday 2nd March at the Worcester Rugby Club.

The ceremony, hosted by BBC Hereford and Worcester's Breakfast Show presenter Howard Bentham, began in style with Worcester Warriors Jake Abbott handing out long service awards to staff who have worked for the NHS for 25 years or more.

The second half of the evening was dedicated to the Staff Achievement Awards, with over 40 staff or teams shortlisted across eight categories.

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The Patient's Choice award, which is nominated by patients, was picked up by hospital porter, David Dougan who works at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bromsgrove and the winner of the award for outstanding performance was scooped by Malvern Community Hospital's Matron, Lin Ingles.

NHS Worcestershire Chairman, Bryan Smith, said:

"The long service and staff achievement awards is a chance for us to show our appreciation to our dedicated, conscientious and loyal staff who ensure that the people of Worcestershire have access to the best possible healthcare. We received nearly 100 nominations this year, from both within and outside the organisation, proving how highly our staff are regarded.

He added, "While the winners should feel immensely proud of themselves, I would like to congratulate all of our staff and volunteers who were nominated for an award. It is thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our staff that we can be so proud of the NHS in Worcestershire."

The winners in each of the eight categories were:

- **Patients' Choice Award** - The Princess of Wales Hospital Porter, David Dougan.
- **Volunteer of the year** - Gloucestershire & Worcestershire 4x4 Response team.
- **Excellence improving patient care** - Staff Nurse, Jackie Cockrell
- **Clinical team of the year** - Integrated Clinical Assessment and Treatment (ICATS) Team.
- **Non-clinical team** - Change Managers, Sue Downey and Elaine Jones.
- **Unsung hero/ heroine** - Community Nursing Administrator, Sue Huband.
- **Leader of the year** - Clinical Director for Sexual Health, Dr Sumit Bahduri
- **Award for outstanding performance** - Malvern Community Hospital Matron, Lin Ingles.

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Notes to editors

Pictures caption: NHS Worcestershire Chairman, Bryan Smith, Malvern Community Hospital Matron, Lin Ingles, Worcestershire Primary Care Trust, Director of Provider Services, Theresa French.

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