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### **Our Patient Safety Award Winner 2013**

Members of the public helped to celebrate the announcement of the winner of the RUH's Patient Safety Award at the Trust's Annual General Meeting last night.

The award was presented to Consultant Anaesthetist Lesley Jordan at the Assembly Rooms in Bath, in recognition of her exceptional contribution to improving patient safety at the hospital.

Dr Jordan has spearheaded the improvements made to peri-operative patient safety work. Perioperative is the time period involving the patient's surgical procedure – admission, anaesthesia, surgery, and recovery.

Her award reflects an exceptional contribution to the peri-operative patient safety work, including helping us to deliver compliance with the World Health Organisation's safer surgery checklist, which was created by an international group of experts to improve the safety patients undergoing surgical procedures.

Her nomination paper said: "Dr Jordan has set up and pushed an audit programme to ensure that we are not only doing the checklist but are also maintaining its quality. I believe that her contribution to patient safety at the RUH has been exceptional and I believe reflects dedicated, indeed dogged, hard work."

Dr Jordan said she was delighted to receive the award and said she had found it very rewarding leading the peri-operative patient safety work.

She said: "I'm exceptionally proud of all the achievements of the peri-operative workstream, which has shown significant improvements in all areas. These have only been possible through the dedication shown by all staff who work in theatres, on the surgical wards and in pre-assessment, and is even more impressive considering the daily pressures under which they work. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and they should be very proud. The improvements achieved have led to safer peri-operative care for all our patients and is our continuing goal."

Those attending our AGM also heard from Consultant Gastroenterologist Dr John Linehan, who spoke about the bowel cancer screening programme, and General Consultant Surgeon Sarah Richards who talked about how we are improving care for patients with general surgical problems.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to meet our shadow governors, and ask questions of members of our board of directors, with many making very positive comments about the Trust.

