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Three Health Care Assistants shortlisted for Outstanding Apprentice of the Year

Three Health Care Assistants at the Royal United Hospital were finalists in the Bath Chronicle Apprenticeship Award 2013.

The three RUH staff who were nominated for the Outstanding Apprentice of the Year award in the Health, Public Services, Education & Care category were Jade Chard, who works on the cardiac ward, and Joan Franklin and Beata Randall, who work on Victoria and Pulteney wards respectively.

The Bath Chronicle Apprenticeship Awards were launched to celebrate the contribution apprentices make to the city and to honour the companies that have committed to apprenticeship schemes.

Lynn Vaughan, Director of Human Resources at the RUH, was at the ceremony. Lynn said: "We are delighted to have been recognised by our local community for all the staff development work that we do at the RUH. This prestigious award ceremony was an opportunity for both employers and nominees to celebrate achievements and to gain recognition from other industries that may need encouraging to support apprentice programmes.

"We nominated Jade because she is kind, considerate and always meticulous in everything she does. Her colleagues recognise the value of the training and continually supported her time away from the ward. She never missed a study day and she was determined to complete the award despite some difficult times. She has a passion to want to make a difference, and has a genuine love of the job."

"Joan was nominated because she is an amazingly hard worker and if you could buy healthcare in a bottle, she would be the perfect recipe, and Beata was nominated because she is reliable and hardworking, and she is a pleasure to work with, enhancing both the patient and staff experience. They may not have won the award but they are all winners in our eyes."

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