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Hospital stars - awards ceremony to honour RUH staff

Outstanding staff were honoured for their contributions, achievements and innovation in health and patient care at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust's New Year's Honours Awards ceremony.

The awards, presented by stage, film and television actress Anita Dobson and former skeleton racer and Olympic gold medallist Amy Williams MBE during the evening, which took place at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, symbolised the dedication and hard work of so many staff.

The hospital's Environment Porters were voted **Team of the Year 2015** in recognition of their work to introduce new initiatives to standardise the safe handling of waste. Their excellent working practices have improved performance and safety in waste management across the hospital site.

The **Most Innovative Team Award for 2015** went to the Maternity Team for the Prevention of Cerebral Palsy in PreTerm Babies Project (PreCEPT). In collaboration with the West of England Academic Health Science Network, the team adopted the latest research into practice; research which shows that giving women at risk of a preterm birth, a dose of magnesium sulphate when in labour can act as a neuro-protector for the baby's brain, helping to reduce mortality and cerebral palsy.

Specialty Doctor Judy Towers, and Interim Senior Sister Nancy Mitchell, both of whom work on the Acute Stroke Unit, were presented with the **Chief Executive's Customer Care Award for 2015**. Judy and Nancy were nominated for their care of a patient in his final days, and were thanked by the family for their compassion and outstanding empathy at a very difficult time.

The **2015 Research and Development Award** was presented to the Pain Research Group based at the RNHRD site, and their partners from the University of the West of England, for their research into a prototype digital tool that patients can use to communicate alterations in their body perception to clinicians. This new tool contributes to innovative research and clinical care that puts the Trust at the forefront of pain management internationally.

The **2015 Patient Safety Award** in recognition of an individual's contribution to patient safety was presented to Practice Development Midwife Hannah Bailey for her role in the implementation of the PreCept project.

Personal Achievement Awards were presented to two staff in recognition of their outstanding achievement during the year and Loyalty Awards were also given to 39 members of staff in recognition of their long service.

Members of the Trust Board, including Chairman Brian Stables joined staff for this special celebratory evening. Brian said: "It was a fantastic evening which showcased the amazingly talented people we have at the RUH where everyone matters. Our staff work incredibly hard together to make a difference to our

patients, and to ensure we continue to improve the quality and standards of service we deliver. We are very, very proud of them all.”

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