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Hospital staff honoured with prestigious awards

Innovation, teamwork and the highest quality of patient care have been celebrated at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust's 2021/22 Annual Award Ceremony.

More than 15 awards were presented by acclaimed actor Nigel Havers on Friday 6 May at Bath Pavilion. Winners were selected from across the hospital, working in a wide variety of roles from frontline care to research, education and administration.

The team that set up and ran the hospital's COVID-19 vaccination hub last year were named Team of the Year, for swiftly establishing a slick seven-day-a-week service. This brand new team vaccinated more than 10,000 people, and their work was even selected as a national case study for others to learn from.

Julie Stone, Occupational Health Nurse Manager, said: "We were really proud to play our part in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"From the moment we got the go ahead to set up the on-site vaccination centre for staff we pulled out all the stops, and it was actually quite emotional to welcome the first people for their COVID-19 jab.

"Our team was made up of colleagues from across the hospital, who stepped away from their usual day jobs to make this happen. Receiving this award is fantastic recognition of how everyone worked together to make a difference."

The Most Innovative Team of the Year Award went to the Pre-Operative Assessment team for launching the digital My Pre Op service, which reduces the number of patients having to come into hospital for assessments before surgery by up to 50%.

It's better for patients as it maintains the high quality of clinical assessments but avoids the need for travel, and it also saves nursing time.

Other winners included Research Physiotherapist Charlotte Vye, awarded the Research and Development Award for being a brilliant ambassador for trials, Clinical Scientist Freya Henry, named Outstanding Student of the Year for applying her passion for the highest quality of patient care while studying for her Masters in Clinical Science, and a record eight Personal Achievement Awards were presented to staff who have excelled in their roles.

Alison Ryan, Chair, said: "People are at the heart of the RUH, and our Annual Awards Ceremony really was an inspiring evening celebrating those who have gone above and beyond the usual.

"We want to be an organisation that supports our staff to flourish, and every day we see so many examples of exceptional patient care, innovation and improvement, and fantastic teamwork. It was an honour to recognise this hard work and dedication.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to say a big well done to all our winners, and those who were nominated too."

The full list of winners were:

Most Innovative Team of the Year: Pre-Op Assessment team

Team of the Year: COVID-19 Vaccination Hospital Hub team

Outstanding Student of the Year: Freya Henry, Clinical Scientist in Cardiology

Research and Development Award: Charlotte Vye, Research Physiotherapist

Highly Commended Chief Executive's Customer Care Award: Brian Hastie, Operating Department Practitioner

Chief Executive's Customer Care of the Year Award: Andrew Faithfull, Orthopaedic Practitioner

Volunteer of the Year: Vickie Smith, Volunteer with the Dementia Co-ordinators

Personal Achievement Awards:

- Alison Barratt, Lead Nurse for Vaccine Studies

- Belinda Jones, Administrator for Adult Therapies
- Issy Wyber, Lead Pharmacist for Acute Medicine and Respiratory
- Mark Doblus, Lead Clinical Practice Facilitator for International Nurses
- Nicola Marsh, Antimicrobial Pharmacist
- Penny Rutter, Clinical Practice Facilitator in ED
- Vicky Mainstone, Newborn Screening Manager
- Nicola Hodges, Point of Care Coordinator

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Notes to Editor:

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust provides acute treatment and care for a catchment population of around 500,000 people in Bath, and the surrounding towns and villages in North East Somerset and Western Wiltshire. The hospital provides healthcare to the population served by four Clinical Commissioning Groups: Bath & North East Somerset CCG, Wiltshire CCG, Somerset CCG and South Gloucestershire CCG.

The Trust provides 759 beds and a comprehensive range of acute services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.

In 2015 The Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust acquired the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) NHS Foundation Trust. The RNHRD treats patients from across the country offering services in rheumatology, chronic pain and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME, cancer related fatigue and fatigue linked to other long term conditions such as multiple sclerosis.

The RUH is changing - we have an exciting programme of redevelopment underway transforming our site and further improving the services we provide. The Trust has opened the purpose-built RNHRD and Brownsword Therapies Centre and is now working towards the new Dyson Cancer Centre. For more details visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit_for_the_future

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