

# Core Brief



## **Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (13 October 2023, 2.55pm)**

I am delighted to share with you that several of our staff have been shortlisted as finalists in this year's Scottish Health Awards. This is a fantastic achievement for the individuals who have been recognised in this way, and I would like to thank all members of staff who took the time to nominate colleagues, so that we can showcase the real talent across our teams. The NHSGGC and HSCP shortlisted staff by award category are;

**Innovation Award** - Douglas Bell, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Kirkintilloch Health & Care Centre, East Dunbartonshire HSCP.

**Midwife Award** - Jane Howie, Midwife, Princess Royal Maternity Unit.

**Integrated Care Award** - Huntington's Disease Integrated Care Team.

**Tackling Health Inequalities** - Claire Dinning, seconded as Patient Navigator at the Office for Rare Conditions.

**Nurse Award** - Maggie Clark, ELLSA Nurse Coordinator, General Surgery, Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Angela Thompson, Senior Charge Nurse, Diabetes Ward 10, Royal Alexandra Hospital.

**Leader of the Year** - Derek Kennedy, Team Lead, Circle, Renfrewshire HSCP.

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in Edinburgh on Thursday 2 November and I would like to wish all of the finalists the very best of luck!

As I mentioned in my Core Brief [last week](#), three of our teams were shortlisted at the Mental Health Nursing Forum Awards 2023, and I am really pleased to tell you that the West of Scotland Mother and Baby Unit won the Inpatient Care Award and the Police Custody Healthcare Team at Govan Police Station won the Leadership in Mental Health Nursing Award. Pauline Zvimba, a Senior Advanced Nurse Practitioner at Auchinlea CMHT was also Highly Commended for the work she

undertakes within a Community Mental Health Team. This is a fantastic result for everyone who received an accolade at the awards. My congratulations to you all!

Our Mental Health Improvement Team have also achieved success this week, at the fifth UKPHR Innovation in Public Health Awards. Michelle Guthrie and Laura Hills, who are Health Improvement Seniors and Heather Sloan, one of our Health Improvement Leads, were awarded the Allison Thorpe award for Translating Evidence into Practice, for their research into Black and Minority Ethnic Perinatal Mental Health. This important research project “explores the experiences of their Perinatal and Infant Mental Health network partners in engaging with BME women and their families during the perinatal period to support mental health and wellbeing”, something which is so vital to our patients from the BME community. Congratulations to the team for your significant efforts.

I would also like to congratulate our staff training team based at Gartnavel Royal Hospital for the excellent feedback you have recently received from your psychiatry trainees. As part of the results in the 2023 GMC National Training Survey (NTS) and Scottish Deanery National Training Survey (STS), the General Psychiatry team was identified as being in the top two percent across the country for this medical specialty. My thanks to the team for the significant work you have been undertaking.

I would like to thank the nurses from the INS team who represented NHSGGC at the recent British Association of Neuroscience Nurses Conference in Dublin. Our staff delivered three presentations at the event, with Linda Mayberry speaking about Discharge without Delay and Angela Welch covering the topic Securing the ANP Role. Scott Wilson and Clio Cooter also presented at the event and won the best oral presentation of the conference, with their talk on Patients Peri-Op Theatre Experience. This is a brilliant achievement and I would like to thank all staff who took part in the conference for your inputs.

Tomorrow marks the start of Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023. This is a really important topic for all of our staff, and as such, we will be introducing new resources and training opportunities to provide guidance to you about how to identify and report a potential hate crime. We all have a role to play in stopping hate crime and as so many cases go unreported due to fear, mistrust or not recognising that a crime has been committed, it is really important that all staff are able to support one another to speak out. If you witness or experience an incident that you think is motivated by prejudice, then it is vital that you report it as a hate crime or find support to do so, as this will help us to create a safer workplace for everyone. If staff would like to find out more information, please visit our [website](#).

This week, our patient feedback is about the Speech Therapy team at New Stobhill Hospital. Our patient writes: “I underwent surgery for deep brain stimulation as a

treatment for Parkinson's Disease. This was generally successful in dealing with many of my motor symptoms, but it is a known side effect that it can adversely affect speech. This became more and more evident in my case, as we tuned the stimulation. I was referred to speech therapy at Stobhill Hospital by my Parkinson's Nurse, Jacqui, who has been a great ongoing support for years now throughout the progression of my Parkinson's disease. It is now a few months since I started Speech Therapy under the supervision and support of Carol. She saw me week after week, tirelessly espousing the value in the practice of the exercises, while maintaining her enthusiasm and encouragement. She was always keen to celebrate small victories, and at the same time demonstrated a good measure of compassion and understanding. I feel that with me she has acted above and beyond her requirements in her duty of care, and I fully appreciate that she has worked hard to support and guide me through the exercising of my voice, strengthening my powers of speech.”

My thanks to Jacqui and Carol for the considered support and patient centred care that you have given this individual throughout their treatment. Thank you.

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