Press Release

Director of Nursing Awards – celebrating the dedication, care and compassion shown by Hampshire Hospitals staff

Nominations are now open for Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust’s thirteenth annual Director of Nursing Awards.

The awards, also known as the DONAs, celebrate the outstanding dedication, care and compassion shown by Hampshire Hospitals’ ward and community staff.

They give patients and their relatives the opportunity to show how much they appreciate outstanding nurses, midwives and therapy staff working for Hampshire Hospitals by nominating them for a special award.

Staff who are eligible for the awards deliver care at Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, as well as community locations, or in patients’ own homes.

Donna Green, chief nurse at Hampshire Hospitals, said: “We really want to hear from patients or visitors who feel that individuals or teams working for our Trust have provided them with exceptional, compassionate care.”

Patients and visitors can choose to nominate either an individual nurse, midwife or therapist, or a team of nurses, midwives or therapists who have made a difference.

The winners will be announced during a ceremony in the summer, with a range of awards up for grabs, including some chosen by our local Rotary groups.

Donna added: “The awards are held specifically to celebrate the contribution that nurses, midwives and therapy staff make to their patients. They also provide an opportunity for patients to thank individuals or teams who have made a difference to them by going beyond the call of duty.”

You can submit your nominations until the end of April by visiting the Hampshire Hospitals website (http://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/news-events/director-of-nursing-awards.aspx) and completing the nomination form. Forms are also available around the hospitals or by contacting Karen O’Hanlon on 01256 313435 or dona@hhft.nhs.uk.

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PHOTO – The winners of the Director of Nursing Awards 2017

Notes to Editors

1. Donna Green, chief nurse, can be available for broadcast interviews on Thursday 15 February
2. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 570,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
3. HHFT has around 6,000 staff and a turnover of £385 million a year.
4. HHFT delivers one hospital service across multiple locations including its own hospitals, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. It also provides outpatient and assessment services from Bordon and Alton community hospitals.

5. As a Foundation Trust, HHFT is accountable to the local community through a system of local ownership with members and elected governors. HHFT has around 18,000 staff and public members. Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and can reinvest any surplus to develop clinical services. They are authorised and regulated by NHS Improvement, an independent regulator.

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