

# News Release

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## **Staff and volunteers honoured at GEM and Long Service Awards**

Dorset County Hospital staff and volunteers received well deserved recognition for their hard work and dedication at the 2018 GEM and Long Service Awards.

The awards are presented annually to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the hospital – Going the Extra Mile – and to those who have achieved 25 years of NHS service.

Colleagues, patients and relatives were asked to nominate hospital staff and volunteers for a number of awards to honour those who have gone over and above what is expected to make a difference to people's lives.

The winners received their awards from Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Chairman Mark Addison, Chief Executive Patricia Miller and executive directors at a presentation ceremony held at Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. Guests also enjoyed performances from members of the DCH Players.

Trust Chairman Mark Addison said: "These awards give us a chance to stop and think about the extraordinary work our staff and volunteers do to give our patients the excellent care that we all take such pride in.

"We are so lucky that we have such talented and dedicated teams at the hospital and it is a real pleasure to recognise and celebrate what they have done."

The winners and runners-up are listed below:

### **Patient Safety Award**

Winner: Sarah Sedgbeer, Emergency Department Junior Sister

Runners-up: Nicola Green, Orthotist; Resuscitation Team

### **Innovation Award**

Winner: Dr James Richards and Acute Hospital at Home Team

Runners-up: CPIP Team; Ellenor Covell, Endoscopy Admissions Officer

### **Volunteer Award**

Winners: Rose Stone, Lead Volunteer Guide

Runner-up: Fortuneswell Cancer Trust

### **Student/Apprentice of the Year**

Winner: Paula Russ, Senior Radiology Assistant  
Runners-up: Kayleigh Warren, Student Nurse; Megan Lane, Cardiology Modern Apprentice

**Team of the Year**

Winner: Discharge Team  
Runners-up: Clinical Site Managers; Critical Care Outreach Team

**Leadership Award**

Winner: Wendy Woodland, Lead Discharge Facilitator  
Runners-up: Vicky Melville, Divisional Head of Nursing and Quality; Yannis Kotsiopoulos, Head of Business Intelligence

**Charity Fundraiser of the Year**

Winner: Abigail Orchard, Lead Cancer Nurse  
Runners-up: Medical and Surgical Outpatients Team; Sophie Claxton, Day Surgery Staff Nurse

**Chairman's Award**

Winner: Ann Woodruff, Emergency Department Senior Healthcare Assistant  
Runners-up: Becky Vass, Workforce Administrator; Dr David Markham, Emergency Department Consultant

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Winner: Mr Hugh Bellis, Orthodontics Consultant  
Runners-up: Jessica Dowell, Critical Care Junior Sister; Paul Andrews, Deputy Facilities Manager

**Long Service Awards Recipients**

Alison Alexander  
Sally Barnes  
Kathleen Beaven  
Tracey Blandamer  
Keith Butterfield  
Allison Crabbe  
Christine Chutter  
Gina Gale  
Penny Gale  
Susan Guy  
Patricia Hastie  
Tessa Hellin  
Carol Hoar  
Emma Hoyle  
Janet Johns  
Elaine Kellaway  
Louise King  
Julie Lane  
Dwynwen Miller  
Elaine Naylor  
Stephen Peaty

Andrea Podmore  
Bridget Phillips  
Allison Tate  
Jacqueline Tiller  
Sharon Titterington  
Nicola Shapland  
Karen Valpied  
Allan Vincent  
Kevin Ward  
Simon Winterton

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**PHOTOS:**

- 1. The Discharge Team, winners of the Team of the Year Award, and runners-up the Clinical Site Managers and Critical Care Outreach Team.**
- 2. Recipients of this year's Long Service Awards for 25 years of service to the NHS.**

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