Trust staff shortlisted for top national nursing awards

Carers lead (Jodie Deards) and the Trust’s enhanced care team are two of 70 finalists shortlisted for this year’s RCNi Nurse Awards

Stevenage, UK – 20 February 2017 – The Trust’s carers lead, Jodie Deards, and the Trust’s enhanced care team have been shortlisted for this year’s RCNi Nurse Awards.

The awards celebrate the best of the UK’s nursing workforce and the categories span a range of different areas, including disability nursing, child health and cancer nursing. Both Jodie and the enhanced care team were selected by the RCNi judging panel from over 600 entries nationwide.

Jodie, shortlisted for the Commitment to Carers award, has been recognised for her work in supporting unpaid carers in the Trust, including how she has helped raise awareness of carers’ needs in the Trust’s hospitals.

The enhanced care team, led by matron Emily Watts, provide a vital service for elderly patients with conditions such as dementia or memory problems whilst they’re in hospital. The team have been shortlisted for the Nursing Older People award.

Reflecting on their achievements, the Trust’s director of nursing, Liz Lees, said:

“Both Jodie and the enhanced care team are two of 70 finalists shortlisted from hundreds of entries at this year’s prestigious RCNi Nurse Awards – which helps showcase innovation, talent and skill across the nursing profession.”
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Liz continued to say:

“I’m proud to see that their hard work and dedication has been recognised by the judging panel and I wish them the best of luck at the ceremony on the 5th of May.”

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Notes to editors:

RCNi Awards:

- The RCNi Nurse Awards are the profession’s top accolade for nursing excellence. They recognise and reward nurses who have come up with new ways to improve health outcomes, enhance patient experiences and transform nursing practice. The awards provide a fantastic opportunity to share nursing initiatives, raise the profile of nursing, gain national recognition and influence nursing policy and practice.

RCNi:

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