

Event of the year – Celebration of Achievement 2024!

Celebration of Achievement 2024 was truly a night to remember, honouring the heart and soul of our Trust: the wonderful staff who make it all possible.

The night reached its pinnacle with the presentation of the highly coveted 'Team of the Year' awards, followed by the Chief Executive Award; a special honour chosen and presented by Simon Morritt himself.

The event is generously fully funded by sponsors, whose sponsorship makes the evening possible.

This year's headline sponsor was PPL Training, who is one of the UK's leading Safe Systems of Work and Technical Compliance training course providers, and currently work with more than 100 NHS trusts year on year.

However, their business' roots firmly in York, as a family-run, engineer-led organisation since 2005.

Congratulations to all our winners and finalists!



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Living our Values, presented by Martin Barkley, Chair Sponsored by Hempsons

Joint Winners - Anne Penny, Project Area Manager/Andrew Manson, HR Support Team Manager

Anne Penny, Project Area Manager

"Anne's kindness, collaborative spirit, and commitment to excellence have made her a valued ambassador for our Trust."

Andrew Manson, HR Support Team Manager

"Every team would benefit from having an 'Andy' making our workplace a happier and more effective environment for all."

Runner up - Taylor Green, Sister

"Taylor exemplifies kindness, openness, and excellence every day, making her an exceptional manager, colleague, and nurse."

Runner up - Kath Sartain, Head of Nursing, Acute and General Medicine

"Every staff member knows that when you speak to Kath, a solution will be found. She fosters team spirit and understands that a thank you or shared laugh can make someone's day."



Excellence in Collaboration, presented by James Hawkins, Chief Digital and Information Officer

Sponsored by Austco Healthcare

Winner - eTAF Multiagency Transformation Team

"By digitising documentation, communication between nursing and AHP staff improved, saving time, and reducing the Trust's environmental impact. This initiative has significantly enhanced patient care and collaboration, showcasing innovative thinking."

Runner up - Colm Gough, Macmillan Personalised Cancer Care Lead

"A true embodiment of Trust values, he places patients at the core of decision-making, leading with kindness and enthusiasm."

Runner up - Digital Information Service Training Team

"Despite the challenges of working across different sites, they have successfully built strong partnerships and promoted teamwork."



Quality improvement (patient care), presented by Claire Hansen, Chief Operating Officer

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Winner – Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Team

"The team's resilience and dedication are exemplary."

Runner up - Beverley Shelley, Midwife

"Bev has tirelessly dedicated herself to building and enhancing bereavement services for local women and families."

Runner up – Specialist Palliative Care Team

"This integration has resulted in a fourfold increase in the identification of ED patients with palliative care needs."

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Quality improvement (staff), presented by Lucy Brown, Director of Communications

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Winner - Change Makers

"Their enthusiasm and dedication have been key to the programme's success, fostering a positive and engaged workplace culture."

Runner up - Bridlington Catering Team

"The team is continuously striving for improvement, exploring ways to expand the dining room's hours and offerings. Their commitment to quality and warm hospitality truly sets them apart."

Runner up - Gill Locking, Matron

"Gill's commitment to change, engagement, and QI methodology has transformed the maternity antenatal clinic, fostering a proactive culture and significantly enhancing both patient and staff experiences."



Volunteer of the Year, presented by Rukmal Abeysekera, Lead Governor

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Winner - Donna Wallis and Matthew Bailey

"Their efforts resulted in the highest amount ever raised by a single event for the charity, making a profound impact for bereaved parents."

Runner up - Ben Chandler, Consultant Anaesthetist

"Ben's dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts have significantly contributed to improving the facilities for patients and their families in critical care."

Runner up - Sarah Dargue

"Despite battling stage three cancer in 2020, Sarah freely gives her time to help others."

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Patient Choice, presented by Dawn Parkes, Chief Nurse

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Winner - Richard Atkinson, Porter

"Rich, a dedicated porter at Scarborough Hospital, consistently exceeds expectations in his care for patients and support for colleagues."

Runner up - Johanna Johnson, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Lorriane Dodd, Midwife

"Their empathy and dedication exemplify the values of kindness and excellence."

Runner up - Robin Hughes, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

"We are eternally grateful for Robin's impact on our lives."



Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion, presented by Polly McMeekin, Director of Workforce and Organisational Development

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Winner - Amanda Vipond, Consultant

"Amanda has made significant progress in improving EDI inclusion within the group. She is passionate about this work, and even though it's early days, her efforts will benefit all staff."

Runner up - Amanda Horrocks, Professional Nurse Advocate Lead and Retention Sister

"Amanda's hard work and initiative have been recognised, and teams are grateful she has guided and improved development opportunities for colleagues who have traditionally faced more challenges in advancing their careers."

Runner up - Rachel Marson, Health and Wellbeing Lead

"Rachel has been nominated as she is an exceptional member of the Women's Network. Her dedication to the women's health agenda exemplifies the Trust's values, addressing a critical need with a well-planned solution. Her inspiring efforts have greatly benefited the network."



Team of the Year (clinical), presented by Dr Karen Stone, Medical Director

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Winner - MSK Service

"The service exemplifies innovative practice, enhancing patient care, community integration, and staff morale, while driving faster access to services and embodying the Trust's values of excellence in collaboration."

Runner up - Work Based Learning Team

"The team's flexibility and responsiveness to feedback have been crucial, earning high satisfaction ratings from trainees and successfully adapting to increased demand and new locations."

Runner up - Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Team (OPAT)

"The OPAT's dedication to relieving pressure on the acute site and their ambition to expand and serve more patients exemplify their commitment to exceptional care."



Team of the Year (non-clinical), presented by Andrew Bertram, Finance Director and Deputy Chief Executive

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Winner - Scarborough UECC Project Team

"This incredible achievement, which has been described as 'an honour to be part of', has undoubtedly improved outcomes for patients and services at Scarborough Hospital."

Runner up - Business Intelligence and Insights Team

"By harnessing individual strengths and fostering a culture of kindness, openness, and excellence, they have transformed data into a strategic asset."

Runner up - York and Scarborough Catering Departments

"During an unprecedented increase in emergency department attendances at York and Scarborough hospitals, the catering teams stepped up to provide crucial meals and snacks for patients waiting in the overflowing departments."



Chief Executive's Award presented by Simon Morritt, Chief Executive

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Winner – Professor James Turvill, Consultant Gastroenterologist

This year, the Chief Executive Award was presented to Professor James Turvill, Consultant Gastroenterologist, for his groundbreaking research work on the ColoCap, which could change the face of bowel cancer diagnosis.

Simon Morritt explained: "If the study is successful, the colon capsule endoscopy could rapidly increase the capacity for diagnosing bowel cancer and other bowel diseases and so reduce waiting times. As the largest evaluation ever undertaken into the use of colon capsule endoscopy in bowel cancer diagnosis this is tremendous news for the Trust, and I know Professor Turvill considers working on the ColoCap project as the pinnacle of his career."

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