



STARS SHINE ON RED CARPET

The much-loved You're a Star Awards returned this year to shine the spotlight on our healthcare heroes.

250 staff members braved the cold to walk down the red carpet at the National Media Museum for a chance to see themselves on the big screen and get their hands on £1,000 prize money.

The glitzy Oscar's style ceremony saw teams and individuals across the Trust compete in seven categories that recognised a range of outstanding achievements.

This year over 70 nominations were received, before a shortlist of just 15 was compiled for the event by an independent judging panel. Those who made it to the final shortlist were visited by a film crew before the ceremony to capture a glimpse of their daily work, and showcase why they had been nominated.

As staff watched themselves on the silver screen, and the audience speculated on the potential triumphs of the night, the winners of You're a Star Awards 2010 were finally revealed.

Gillian Bussey, Health Care Assistant, was crowned

'Learner of the Year' in the first award of the night, for her continued desire to learn and develop in her job role.

During the last two years Gillian has completed her NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care, continued her Level 3, undertaken training to become a trainer at the Practical Training Unit and set up a service user group, as well as completing further learning in other areas.

“The You're a Star Awards never fail to remind us all of the fantastic staff we work alongside each and every day.”

“A couple of years ago it was a failing service, but we've turned that around thanks to the dedication of staff at the unit. I'm so pleased for all of them - they really do deserve it!”

The award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Improving Services' went to the staff team at Weaver Court, after they transformed the unit and significantly improved the service for those who live there.

Julie Balahura, Unit Manager, said:
“We all work very hard to be able to provide the best service possible for the people who live at Weaver Court.

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Pictures starting top right:
Gillian Bussey, Weaver Court
Team, Jim Wilson, Sandra Haley
& Springfield Day Services

Jim Wilson, Lead Mental Health Liaison Nurse, collected the award for 'Leader of the Year', after colleagues nominated him for his outstanding leadership qualities, sense of humour and commitment to his team.

Jim said: *"It's very humbling to have won the award. It was certainly unexpected but I feel very honoured."*

"The team I work with is fantastic and we work very hard together to deliver a service across the district that we can all be proud of."

The 'Innovation' award was taken back to Springfield Day Services by Sandra Haley, Senior Community Support Worker, in recognition of a creative massage project that has helped service users learn new skills, increase their confidence and interact in the community.

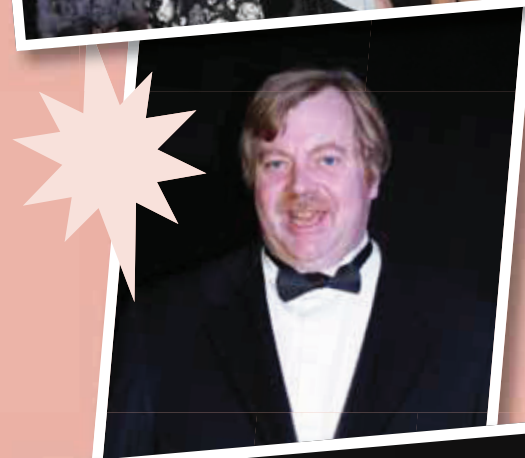
Sandra said: *"I was very shocked when we found out we had won the award! It was a great surprise though, we're all really happy!"*

Whiteoak Respite Unit scooped the prestigious 'Team of the Year' award for consistently providing a welcoming, friendly atmosphere and delivering a professional, caring and person-centred service.

Helen Leeming, Senior Manager, said: *"The whole team is absolutely delighted with the award and very proud that their hard work and achievements have been recognised."*

Nicola Mortimer, Business Manager, collected the award for 'Making a Difference' after her enthusiasm, attention to detail and friendly smile enhanced the life of service users in the cheerleading troupe, The Jewels.

Nicola said: *"Spending time with and supporting the Jewels has been a pleasure and I would do it again in a heartbeat. I think it is fair to say that the Jewels have probably made more of a difference to my life, than I have to theirs."*



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Left: Whiteoak
Respite Unit Team,
Right: Nicola
Mortimer



The final award of the evening saw CAMHS workers and teachers go top of the class when TRACKS, a pupil referral unit, claimed the 'Working Together' award for their commitment and dedication to help young people with depression and anxiety turn their lives around.

Christine Grant, Education Social Worker, and Rosemary Murphy, CAMHS Social Worker, said: *"We're absolutely delighted to have won the award. The prize money will go a long way to developing the service even further. We're all really proud and extremely happy."*

Long serving stars of our organisation were also recognised at the ceremony.

Staff who have served 25 years in the NHS were welcomed to the stage by Barry Seal, Chair, and Sandra Knight, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development throughout the evening to collect their much-deserved awards.

Simon Large, Chief Executive, said: *"The You're a Star Awards never fail to remind us all of the fantastic staff we work alongside each and every day."*

"In all corners of the organisation there are stars to be found for their dedication and

determination to deliver a service we are all proud of - tonight we recognised just a few of them."

A big thank you must go to our sponsors for the evening, without whom, this fantastic annual event would not be possible.

The main sponsor once again this year was Bradford-based Sovereign Healthcare, who showed their support for the seventh year running.

Sovereign also donated the prize money, which the winners can use to improve their service area or for personal development.

Russ Piper, Sovereign Healthcare Chief Executive, said: *"The event was a tremendous success, and demonstrated how caring and committed the Bradford District Care Trust staff are to serving their local community."*

"With Sovereign being Bradford based and encouraging good health, healthy living plus our own community focus, sponsoring the event was the logical thing to do, and I am really pleased that we were involved."

Thank you also to Shipley College, Hempsons, Arrow Video, Wedding Venue Lighting and ICM for their support at this year's event.

Pictures from top right anti-clockwise Joyce Enori - Long Service, TRACKS team, Steve Keyes & Abdul Khalifa - hosts for the evening & Nicola Armitage - Long Service.



WINNERS 2010

Learner of the Year
Gillian Bussey
Health Care Assistant

Outstanding Contribution to Improving Services
Weaver Court

Leader of the Year
Jim Wilson
Lead Nurse Mental Health Liaison

Innovation Award
Sandra Haley
Senior Community Support Worker

Team of the Year
Whiteoak Respite Unit

Making a Difference
Nicola Mortimer
Business Manager

Working Together
TRACKS

