Congratulations

Read all about the winners of the Bridgewater Staff Awards

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year
Bridgewater’s health and justice staff stole the show at our annual awards ceremony

The men and women who provide a range of healthcare services to our prison populations across the North West took four of the ten awards at this year’s ceremony held at Halton Stadium in Widnes on Tuesday 17 September.

Scooping the learner of the year award was Stuart Burnop a trainee nursing associate at HMP Garth, Leyland. The coveted staff engagement award was presented to Steve Lacey, Head of Healthcare at HMP Risley in Warrington and the Non Clinical Employee of the Year Award winner was Bev Medhurst, performance co-ordinator and personal assistant at HMP Hindley.

Winners of a new award introduced this year in recognition of the work done to improve systems, processes and outcomes at HMP Wymott, Leyland was the Prison Healthcare Team awarded the Highly Commended Award.

Also celebrating was the North West Driving Assessment Service named Clinical Team of the Year for the way in which the staff worked together to introduce a range of service improvements for clients.

There was also high praise for services in Warrington with two long-serving members of staff in the borough each receiving a highly coveted award from the Chair of the Trust.

Two colleagues in the Community Neurosciences service at Orford Jubilee Park were named winners of the Contribution to Research and Innovation Award for setting up a research site in a national study looking at the impact of vocational rehabilitation on the return to work experiences of stroke survivors.

In Oldham there was double delight after staff in the Oldham Right Start and School Nursing service triumphed in the Community Engagement Award, in recognition of inspirational work with volunteers and in the Clinical Employee of the Year award category.

Corporate teams were also recognised in this year’s awards with the Trust’s Talent for Care Team named winners of the Non-Clinical Team of the Year Award in recognition of their work to recruit 40 apprentices within the past year. The team also work to provide development opportunities for junior staff across the whole Trust footprint and have done huge amounts of work to find work experience placements for disadvantaged groups, including looked after children, within our communities.
Bridgewater’s Chief Executive Colin Scales said:

“The Bridgewater Staff Awards provide a fantastic opportunity to shine a spotlight on our hard-working colleagues and their achievements over the past 12 months.

“We received some truly amazing nominations which showcased the efforts of our staff to provide the best possible care for patients and to ensure the safe delivery of services. I am really proud of all our award winners and finalists and am truly inspired by their tremendous hard work and dedication.

“This year we have introduced new award categories which recognise our commitment to staff engagement and making Bridgewater a better place to work.”

The event was supported by GRI Geometric Results Inc, the Alzheimer’s Society, Cadent Gas and Widnes Vikings ladies team.

This year’s winners

**Clinical Team of The Year Award**
North West Driving Assessment Centre

**Non Clinical Team of The Year Award**
Talent for Care Team

**Clinical Employee of the Year Award**
Julie Pickles, assistant practitioner, Oldham Right Start Health Visiting Team and School Nursing

**Non Clinical Employee of the Year Award**
Bev Medhurst, performance co-ordinator and Personal Assistant, Health and Justice services

**Contribution to Research and Innovation Award**
Marie Martland and Bernadette Mason, Community Neurosciences team at Orford Jubilee Park, Warrington

**Community Engagement Award**
Alison Pywell, volunteer coordinator, Oldham Right Start and School Nursing service

**Highly Commended Award**
HMP Wymott Prison Healthcare Team, Leyland

**Learner of the Year Award**
Stuart Burnop, trainee nurse associate, HMP Garth, Leyland

**Staff Engagement Award**
Steve Lacey, head of healthcare, HMP Risley, Warrington

**Chairman Award**
Cathy Walmsley, retired nurse from the Enhanced Care Home Support Service, Warrington

Helen Anderson, quality support officer, Family Nurse Partnership, Warrington
What is the full title of your service?
Halton Neurological Rehabilitation Service

Please can you tell us about the function of your service?
The Neurological Rehabilitation Service is a community based team of healthcare professionals who provide assessments, advice & support, using a range of intervention techniques to help people who have rehabilitation needs to live as safely and independently as possible.

Who are your patients?
Our patients are required to live within the Halton borough, have a Halton GP and be over the age of 18 with a variety of neurological conditions including head injuries, long term neurological conditions and stroke patients. Our patients must also have an identified active neuro rehabilitation goal and the need for therapy intervention.

How many staff are employed in your service?
We are a relatively small service which comprises of one Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, one Occupational Therapist, one Neuro physiotherapist and Secretarial Support. We will also have a Parkinsons Specislist nurse as a new development which is in the recruitment process to join the team supported by Parkinsons UK

How do you work with other services across Bridgewater, to be able to offer a fully integrated service?
We have regular monthly meetings with Speech & Language and a Stroke Nurse to co-ordinate our interventions with joint patients and are often involved in meetings regarding safeguarding and co-ordinating care. Additionally we have close relationships with social services Occupational Therapists enabling us to co-ordinate intervention, along with other voluntary organisations including Headway and the Stroke Association as well as joint visits to patients with other Bridgewater services.
Halton Neurological Rehabilitation Service

Are there any myths about your service that you would like to dispel?

Some people think that as a highly specialist service who only deal with acquired or traumatic brain injuries (TBI), when in fact we also deal with things like slow stream rehabilitation or any other neurological diagnosis. We are also happy to take any enquiries if people have any queries or doubts on if a person is suitable for a referral to our service.

Do you have any dealings with external agencies & if so who and why?

We have dealings with social services around the co-ordination of care, also with both Headway and the Stroke Association. We also refer patients on to the Well Being Service for follow on in regards to integration back into society.

How do people get referred into your service?

There are a variety of ways to be referred into the service including a referral from GP’s, social services, a hospital discharge, therapists and people referred from voluntary agencies including the stroke association.

What skills are required to work in this service?

You would need to be a qualified health professional to work in our service with experience or a keen interest in neurology.

What are the most challenging and rewarding aspects of working in the service?

One of the most challenging aspects of working in this service is trying to manage our caseload as we are such a small team, with the most rewarding part being able to see patients improve and achieve their goals.

What is the service's biggest achievement over the last 12 months?

Since October 2018 we have had a neuro physiotherapist on the team which has been a huge benefit in terms of what we can offer our patients and what type of patients we can accept.
Following elections earlier this year we were successful in securing additional governor representation in communities served by the Trust and with staff groups. We were also delighted to retain the services of a number of governors who have served the organisation for several years helping us in our ambition to provide a range of high quality, patient focused services in healthcare settings within our communities and in patients own homes.

Our governors bring with them a range of knowledge, skills and experience. They are each residents of communities served by Bridgewater, accessing the services we provide or caring for someone who benefits from our care and support.

Representing Halton, Warrington and parts of the Rest of England where we deliver a wide range of community services including District Nursing, Community Dental Services, Health Visiting and Physiotherapy, our governors are an important part of our business and represent their members within and outside the organisation.

One of the key features of our business is to develop and strengthen our links with the voluntary sector. In our elections Alison Cullen Chief Officer of Warrington Voluntary Action became a partner governor.

Our governors are YOUR voice within Bridgewater. They each bring with them a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience of working in the public and private sectors.

To find out more about the people working with the Trust to ensure services are of the highest quality and meeting the needs of patients, carers and families visit our website at; www.bridgewater.nhs.uk/ft/governors

Representing Halton – Diane McCormick, Peter Hollett

Representing Warrington – Paul Mendelika, John Hyland, Matt Machin and Scott Baron.

Representing the Rest of England – Rita Chapman – Lead Governor, Bill Harrison, Derek Maylor and Christine Stankus.

Representing our biggest workforce nurses and midwives - Corina Casey Hardman and Pam Rhys Davies.

Representing non clinical support staff – Dave Smith.

We have a number of staff governor vacancies including – allied health professionals, clinical support staff, community dental staff and medical
In September this year Rita Chapman, Bridgewater’s lead governor announced the appointment of Karen Bliss as the new chair.

Karen has served as a Non executive Director of the trust for the past nine years and has also served as acting chair.

One of the key responsibilities of the Council of Governors is the appointment of the trust chair and holding their Non executive colleagues to account.

Our governors have a very important role to play in the business of our Trust, said Chairman Karen Bliss who also serves as Chair of the Council of Governors.

They are there to ensure the Trust listens to local people and provides the services that best meet their health needs. As residents of the communities they represent they know and understand what works well and where we might make improvements.

“They are there to ensure the Trust listens to local people”

“Theyir knowledge and understanding of their community has proven invaluable and supported many robust discussions within the organisation.

“We are keen to build on the work already started by our public and staff governors and further strengthen our place in the communities we serve.

“Bridgewater is one of only a handful of community trusts in the country. We are respected and trusted by our patients and in our governors we have individuals who will act as ambassadors of the organisation,” she added.

Governors’ duties include:

Shaping and endorsing the strategy of the organisation

Recruiting and communicating with members

Representing the organisation at key events

Providing the critical link between the organisation and our partners in the voluntary and statutory
MEDICS across the UK are united to urge those at risk of suffering from or spreading flu to ensure they get their free NHS vaccination this winter. The health service in England has prepared for its largest ever flu protection drive to help keep people well and ease pressure on urgent care services over the colder months. The number of people eligible has topped 25 million this year as the offer of the vaccine is now extended to all primary school aged children – an extra 600,000 children. Supporting the vaccination of children in this age group will be Bridgewater’s school nursing service and community midwifery teams that have been commissioned along with general practices and local pharmacies to provide vaccines to primary school aged children, two and three year olds, those with underlying health conditions, pregnant women and older adults (aged 65 years and over).

Employers of frontline health and social care workers, including Bridgewater and its partners also have a responsibility to ensure their staff can get the free vaccine. A record number of NHS staff – almost 3 quarters of a million, or 70.3% of frontline workers – took up their workplace jab last year. Staff working in sites across the organisation are being given their free flu jab by dedicated flu immunisers.

NHS England is funding vaccines for social care and hospice workers, with older adults more vulnerable and liable to suffer more than most people if they do catch flu. Protecting children is also crucial for protecting the rest of the population as they tend to be ‘super spreaders’ of flu due to poorer hand hygiene.

Eligible adults are encouraged to get their free vaccine from their GP or pharmacy to help protect themselves and their families before flu reaches its seasonal peak. As well as getting the vaccine, practicing good hand hygiene by catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue, throwing it away and washing your hands after can help limit its spread – catch it, bin it, kill it.

FREE NHS FLU VACCINATION

Share a Selfie..... not flu

#jabdone  #hadmyjab
HATS off to staff across Bridgewater who have been giving up their time and energies to support causes close to their hearts.

In Warrington, the district nursing team from Birchwood competed in the Colour Bubble Run to raise cash for St Rocco’s Hospice in Warrington. The team completed in this annual extravaganza in the name of their colleague and friend Lorraine Perkin who recently passed away.

Over in Oldham, Right Start receptionist Joanne Turner has completed not one but two charity challenges to raise money for two local hospices. Joanne who is based at Weren’t Children’s Centre donned her 80’s finery to compete in the annual Colour Blast 3K in Alexandra Park, Oldham. A few short weeks later it was time to don a Wonder Woman ensemble to complete the Kapow! 2019 Springhill Hospice Superhero Challenge.

Congratulations to Helen Seddon, a family nurse with the Family Nurse partnership in Halton who has recently completed the Disney Half Marathon in memory of her niece Abigail who recently passed away from Cystic Fibrosis. Helen has not only faced and conquered the half marathon challenge she has also baked cakes and undertaken a number of fundraising activities to raise a fantastic £1,300 in memory of her niece and in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

A fantastic effort by all. All their fundraising activities have been undertaken in their own time ……we salute you all.
Each month the Bridgewater patient services team provide their colleagues with a wealth of patient data highlighting where things are going well and where improvements might be made.

This information is shared at our service Experience group and the trust’s Quality and Safety committee. The information is also shared internally for staff to view.

Here are just a small number of the compliments the trust received in September of this year.

If you wish to contact our patient services team you can do so at; E mail bchft.patientservices@nhs.net
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“I have recently been in Warrington Hospital and was discharged into the care of the IV nurse-led community for Warrington. My daily injections lasted for six weeks. The service I received was truly amazing. May I congratulate the trust on being so innovative in having a long established service of such quality? Not the case in some other trusts. I can only thank the team and urge your service to be rolled out as best practice for others to follow nationally”

Community IV Therapy, Warrington.

“TO ALL THE STAFF AT PADGATE HOUSE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP AND COMPASSION.”

“SEEN QUICKLY AND RECEIVED EXCELLENT TREATMENT.”

“PROMPT, EFFICIENT AND FRIENDLY”

ST HELENS WALK IN CENTRE

“I WAS MADE TO FEEL WELCOME AND THEY WERE PROFESSIONAL AND TREATED ME WITH RESPECT BUT ALSO HELPED WITH ANY ISSUES, QUERIES I HAD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK”

OFFENDER HEALTHCARE
Very informative and knew what she was talking about

**Paediatric Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy**
Woodview Child Development Centre, Widnes.

“Amazing calm and understanding dentist and nurse. Can’t thank them enough for putting my son at ease. My son has learning difficulties, they handled him exceptionally well”
Bath Street Dental Service, Warrington

“Excellent staff “
Dental – Tameside & Glossop

“Lovely members of staff “
Dental Kingsgate, Stockport.

“I was worried about attending the clinic but the nurse was brilliant and made me feel relaxed.”
Continence – Adult – Halton.

“Very informative and knew what she was talking about”

**Paediatric Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy**
Woodview Child Development Centre, Widnes.

“It’s nice to know there is someone to talk to …. Was extremely pleasant and very sympathetic”
Macmillan Community Palliative Care Team, Halton.

“The nurses are very nice and extremely professional.”
Halton IV Therapy
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