

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

### **Long Service Awards Spring 2014**

Staff from The Dudley Group who attended a long service awards event have between them notched up more than 500 years of service at the Trust.

The celebrations shone the spotlight on staff who have reached key milestones in their years of service for the Trust, ranging from 15 to 40 years.

For the first time ever the ceremony also celebrated the long service of our hard working volunteers.

They were presented with a long service certificate and badge by Chief Executive Paula Clark and Chairman John Edwards. Those who attended were also treated to a celebratory tea and a slice of long service cake made especially for the event.

Welcoming staff and their guests to the event, Paula said, "It's really important to me that we are able to recognise the incredible commitment our long serving members of staff have made over the years, both to the organisation and to the Dudley community as a whole."

Recipient Pam Boucher, one of the Trust's first volunteers to receive a Long Service Award, said that since becoming a volunteer in 1999 she has enjoyed every minute.

"I've made so many good friends over the years and I've really enjoyed volunteering, but it's lovely to know you are appreciated and have your work celebrated like this," Pam added.

Nicola Bussey, who celebrated an incredible 40 years with the Trust, said "It's amazing to think that when I started out I used a typewriter and everything was paper based, now consultants can sit at their desks and see X-rays taken minutes ago on their computer screens."

Rounding off the evening, John Edwards told staff said, "You've committed your working life to the Trust and the Board owes you a debt of gratitude and thanks for your years of hard work."

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