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### **Three of the best – Dudley nurses make Nursing Times shortlist**

The Dudley Group is celebrating after the work of three of its nurses made the shortlist for the prestigious Nursing Times Awards.

The Trust has been shortlisted in the categories of Enhancing Patient Dignity, Nurse Leader of the Year and Nurse of the Year.

Sarah Causer, lead nurse on our Older People's Ward, is shortlisted in the category of 'Nurse Leader of the Year'. Sarah was shortlisted for being an inspiring leader and role model to her teams in elderly care.

Award-winning Macmillan Palliative Care Educator Karen Lewis is shortlisted in the category of 'Nurse of the Year'. Karen, who has already received a Macmillan Excellence Award, has been shortlisted for her work in providing end of life training and education to health and social care staff across the Dudley Borough.

Jacqui Howell's work as Learning Disability Liaison Nurse is shortlisted in the category of 'Enhancing Patient Dignity'. Jacqui has worked tirelessly to improve provision for patients with learning disabilities with the introduction of a Trust-wide Learning Disability Strategy, communication toolkits and learning disability champions.

Dawn Wardell, Chief Nurse for The Dudley Group, said, "These awards recognise and reward inspirational work and inspirational people and our three shortlisted nurses make a real difference to patient care and experience in Dudley."

"Being shortlisted is an amazing privilege and recognition like this is always a real boost to our staff. We really are thrilled to have reached the final stages and are looking forward to the ceremony in November."

The winners of the 2015 Nursing Times Awards will be announced on 12th November at a prestigious ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London.

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