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Committed to Excellence 2013 - the winners are announced!

Staff at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust have been honoured by colleagues and patients for their dedication and commitment. More than 200 staff gathered at the Copthorne Hotel, Dudley for the Trust's annual Committed to Excellence Awards hosted by Heart FM's Breakfast Show's Ed James.

Teams and individuals based both in the hospital and out in the community who go the extra mile were presented with awards by Trust directors and senior members of staff.

Opening the ceremony, Chief Executive Paula Clark paid tribute to all those shortlisted.

She said: "These awards recognise dedicated teams and individuals in both clinical and non-clinical areas who exemplify our Trust's vision and values, and go all out to make The Dudley Group a place where people really do matter."

Awards were presented in the categories of Excellence in Patient Care, Excellence in Service Improvement, Team Excellence, Unsung Hero – Clinical and Unsung Hero – Non Clinical.

This year also saw the addition of a brand new category, Rising Stars, which celebrates the work of outstanding staff members who are in a trainee post.

The evening would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of our event sponsors A&H Construction, Vissap, Geoff Hill Ltd, Summit Healthcare, Mills & Reeve, Whiteleys and Zicam Security. A special thank you went out to our main event sponsor; our PFI partners Interserve.

Also there on the night was guest presenter MP Margot James who presented one of the Excellence in Patient Care awards.

She said, "I was delighted to attend The Dudley Group's Committed to Excellence awards, and it was an honour to present the award to a winner of the Excellence in Patient Care category.

It was really inspiring to see so many hardworking staff members being recognised for their exceptional dedication.”

The big award of the night, The Alf Edwards Award, is awarded for outstanding achievement and is named after the Trust’s former chairman. The award was presented to one of our most esteemed members of staff, Consultant Chemical Pathologist Dr Mourad Labib.

Dr Labib’s career with The Dudley Group has spanned almost a quarter of a century and has included leading pioneering research into obesity and developing a test for the ‘fat gene’.

Chairman John Edwards praised Dr Labib for his invaluable contribution to the Trust over the years.

Dr Labib said, “I feel touched and honoured to receive this award.

“I would like to say that any achievements I have made over the last 24 years would not have been possible without the excellent teams I’ve worked with.

“It came as a complete surprise and I’d like to say thank you to Paula and the Trust Board for making The Dudley Group such a nice place to work.”

Rounding off the evening, John Edwards said, “I think we can all agree that these awards capture a glimpse of what is so fantastic about the people who work in the NHS and in particular how lucky we are to have such a committed and dedicated bunch of people working for us in Dudley.”

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