

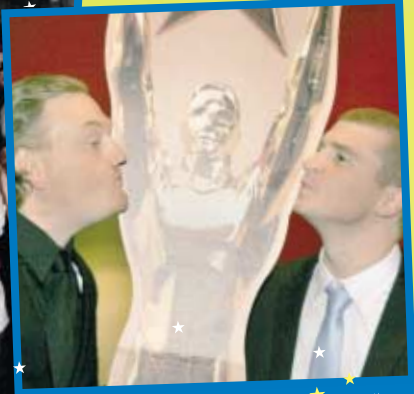
Staff Awards Presentation
Evening Special Edition

Staff Awards tribute to "Heroes"

Trust awards evening honours hard working staff as X-Factor's Ruth Lorenzo salutes them as 'heroes'.



See inside for the full story of the night and more!



5th Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening



The 5th Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening was more glitzy and glamorous than ever before and X-Factor's Ruth Lorenzo was our surprise star guest.

This year's ceremony was attended by around 1,000 staff and guests, more than ever before. Everyone was stunningly dressed and in the party spirit as we returned to the premier Liverpool Echo Arena for our most spectacular night of the year, to celebrate all the hard work and dedication of our valued staff.



Among the guests were Radio City presenter Simon Ross, City Talk presenter Kim Hughes and BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Roger Phillips, former St Helens Rugby League captain Paul Sculthorpe, St Helens Star Editor, Steve Leary, Liverpool Hair dresser Herbert Howe, TV fashion guru John Scott, Big Brother's Dale Howard and of course X-Factor's Ruth Lorenzo.

Following a stylish drinks reception, staff were seated across 90 beautifully decorated and laid out tables. The meal and the service were fantastic and magicians were on hand to perform a few tableside tricks.

Mike Scott, Consultant Surgeon took charge of proceedings as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Ann Marr, Chief Executive started the night off with her welcoming speech, praising staff and thanking our special celebrity guests for giving their time for free and our partners for their generous donations, which enable the Trust to put on the event at no cost to the NHS.

The night's finale was a surprise guest appearance from X-Factor's singing sensation Ruth Lorenzo who entertained us with several hits from the show, starting with the song 'Hero', in tribute to our outstanding members of staff.



Entertainment from X-Factor's Ruth Lorenzo



Mike Scott our fantastic Master of Ceremonies



Our Special *celebrity* Guests

A huge thank you to all our special guests for generously giving their time for free to present our awards, adding a little extra glamour to the biggest NHS awards ceremony in the country.

Kim Hughes and Simon Ross



Radio City's Rossie and City Talk presenter Kim Hughes took time out to present the Medical Care Group Award – it's a good job they didn't have to get up early the next day!

Dale Howard

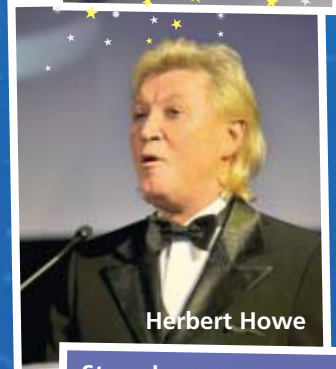


Dale Howard from Big Brother series 9 came along and presented the Surgical Care Group Award. He wouldn't have had far to travel home as he hails from St Helens.



TV fashionista John Scott returned for the third time to present the Clinical Support Group Award. He said the ladies' dresses get better each year!

Herbert Howe, legendary Liverpool hairdresser was on hand to present the Non-Clinical Support Group Award and offer a few styling tips.



Roger Phillips



BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Roger Phillips was in great form as he presented the Employee of the Year Award.

Steve Leary, Editor of the St Helens Star, whose readers nominated the People's Choice, came along to present this prestigious award.

Steve Leary



Paul Scunthorpe



St Helens Rugby League legend Paul Sculthorpe got one of the biggest cheers of the night. The former Saints Captain was on hand to present the Team of the Year Award.

Paul Harris, Director of Taylor Woodrow, presented the Special Achievement Award and introduced our surprise guest, X-Factor's Ruth Lorenzo, whose sensational singing brought the house down.



Paul Harris

Ruth Lorenzo





Chief Executive's Speech



Welcome to our 5th annual staff awards evening. As ever, you have all dressed to impress and look absolutely fantastic. Nevermind Coleen Rooney and Alex Curran, we have got some of the best dressed ladies working at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Not to forget our male staff, you are all looking incredibly handsome tonight!

It really doesn't seem 12 months since we were here at this fabulous arena but what a year it has been for us!

We were rated as one of the top performing Trusts in the country by the Healthcare Commission and were the only acute Trust in the whole of Cheshire and Merseyside to be given the highest possible rating of Double Excellent. We are one of the top five performing Trusts in the whole country for the highest standards of cleanliness and lowest infection rate.

And while we were doing all that, we also opened our brand new hospital at St Helens. The Minister of State described it as the 'Best in the World'. We also allowed our local MP a sneak preview of the new Whiston Hospital and he said it is 'simply stunning and mind blowing'.

Such accolades are fantastic and are testimony to the hard work and dedication that you and your colleagues give, day in and day out. Tonight is the highlight of our year, it is such a pleasure and a privilege to be able to acknowledge what great staff you are. If I had my way, all of you would be walking away with an award!

We did think of some new categories for this year such as "the longest circulation list for an email award", "the most imaginative car parking award" and, "the Bermuda Triangle award" for the office where things go in and don't come out... but we thought the Executive team might win that for Manpower approval forms.

This event is arranged at no cost to the NHS and I can assure you it won't show up on anyone's expenses! However, we do rely on the generous donations of a number of supporters so a very big thank you to Paul Harris from Taylor Woodrow,

Kristina Taylor and Jonathon Heap from Hill Dickinson, Richard Leslie and Sue Ensall from Mace and Jones and David Thompson from JD Parties Ltd. It's great that you can join us on our special evening.

I would also like to welcome Steve Leary, Editor of the St Helens Star whose readers nominate our Peoples Choice award.

As if we are not dazzled enough by our gorgeous staff, I am delighted to welcome our many celebrity guests who have kindly given their time for free to join us in making tonight really special.

Our master of ceremonies Mike Scott looks as good as ever tonight, but as you know there is an even more stylish member of the family, yes, John Scott, stylist to the stars joins us again. He has been here so many times we must think about putting him on the payroll!

I am delighted also to welcome the most famous names on local radio, Roger Phillips from BBC Radio Merseyside, Simon Ross from Radio City and Kim Hughes from City Talk.

Not to forget our sporting heroes, a very warm welcome to the legendary St Helens rugby player Paul Sculthorpe.

From TV and Big Brother fame I am very pleased to welcome Dale Howard. Dale lasted 62 days in series 9 of the big brother house. I can assure you Dale that you will not be getting evicted tonight.

Not many names are iconic but this one certainly is. I only need to say Herbert and you will know exactly who I mean, legendary Liverpool hairdresser who needs no further introduction. Herbert, you are most welcome!

A sincere thank you to each of our guests for so generously giving your time and support. We have one more special guest who will be singing for us later.

I cannot leave the stage tonight without saying a massive thank you to the working group who have been planning the event for many months.

So, I hope you enjoy the night, you all make a difference to so many patients and families, tonight is all for you. I wish the nominees good luck, you are all worthy winners. Have a fantastic night!



Medical Care Group Award

This award is for those departments who provide outstanding medical care to patients. The award was presented by Radio City's Simon Ross (Rossie) and City Talk's Kim Hughes.



Winner

Genito-urinary Medicine



This service has been transformed and is now an outstanding model of good practice. It is the first in Merseyside to offer rapid HIV testing and has been highly praised by patients.

Highly Commended:

Paediatrics

Recognised by the Healthcare Commission as one of the top performing Children's Units in the country, they have consistently excelled in a number of key areas resulting in the best possible standards of care.

Ward E3

The ward has truly embraced the Trust's objective of providing 5 star patient care. They have excelled in all areas. The staff consistently achieve outstanding levels of performance against quality standards.



Gary Barker, Health Advisor takes to the stage

Surgical Care Group Award

This award is for those who provide clinical care for patients requiring surgical treatment and interventions.

Local celebrity, Dale Howard from Big Brother series 9 was on hand to present the award.



Winner

Nicola Jones – Infant Feeding Co-ordinator



An emotional Nicki goes to collect her award

Nicki has been inspirational in increasing the number of babies who are breastfed. Her hard work and commitment has gained the Trust international recognition.

Highly Commended:

Holbrook Unit

The staff on this unit probably receive more complimentary letters than anywhere else in the Trust. This is a tribute to the consistently high standard of care they provide.

Sanderson Suite

The staff have worked as a team to ensure patients are treated quickly and receive an excellent standard of care. They have embraced new ways of working to provide a first class service to patients.

Clinical Support Group Award

This award is for departments who provide valuable services to clinical areas across the Trust.

The award was presented by TV fashion guru John Scott, in his 3rd appearance at the awards. John is the younger brother of our very own M/C for the evening Mike Scott, Consultant Surgeon.



Winner Microbiology

The team has made outstanding improvements, significantly reducing the time patients wait for test results. Their process redesign work has been recognised nationally and by the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit.

Highly Commended:

Cardio-respiratory

This highly specialist team provides an exemplary service integral to many other hospital departments. Their proactive, innovative approach has resulted in many in-patient services being available closer to the patient in the community.

Radiology

Providing fast, direct access in our world class diagnostic facilities, the Radiology staff consistently deliver innovative, patient centred, high quality services.

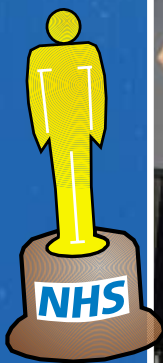


The Microbiology team give a huge cheer as they are announced as winners

Non Clinical Support Group Award

This award is for non clinical departments who provide essential services to areas throughout the Trust.

This award was presented by the one and only Herbert Howe, hair dresser to the stars and celebrity Scouse stylist.



Winner

Post Graduate Medical Education

The Post Graduate Medical Education staff made a major contribution to the achievement of teaching hospital status for the Trust. The quality of the teaching and training provided has received numerous external commendations.

Highly Commended:

Creche

The team continuously provide an exceptional service. They work hard to make sure the children are well cared for, playing and learning in a happy and safe environment and are extremely supportive to the needs of the parents.

IT Helpdesk

The IT Helpdesk provide essential technical support to all of the Trust's services, delivering rapid response times, ensuring high standards of performance.



The Post Grad team celebrate their win

Employee of the Year Award

This award recognises the outstanding achievements of individuals within the Trust throughout the year.

Presenting this award was BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Roger Phillips.



Winner

Sharon Edwards – Chief Clinical Physiologist

Sharon is a true pioneer in her specialised field. Her self motivation and determination has resulted in one of the first practitioner-led carpal tunnel syndrome services in the country.

Highly Commended:

Francis Andrews – Consultant in Critical Care and Emergency Medicine

Highly skilled and passionate about his work, he has a wonderful attitude and is always willing to go out of his way, even in his own time, to offer help and support to patients and their relatives.

Isobel Kearney – Ward Manager – Ward G5

Izzy is a talented leader who has dramatically improved standards of care on a number of wards in the Trust. Her skills and motivation have inspired nursing staff to embrace changes in practice resulting in improved patient care.



Sharon is congratulated by a colleague

Team of the Year Award

This illustrious award goes to a team who have consistently performed to exceptional standards, overcoming challenges and working hard together to provide excellent patient care.

From one great team to another, this year's award was presented by St Helens Rugby League legend, Paul Sculthorpe.



Winner Acute Stroke Unit

The team is dedicated to providing the very best quality of care, as well as supporting the relatives of stroke sufferers. Many patients and their relatives have expressed their gratitude for the care and help they have received.

Highly Commended: Emergency Department

The department provide high quality services to many different types of patients within very challenging time frames.

The staff face and overcome the demands of a highly pressured workload on a daily basis.

Intensive Care Outreach Team

This highly skilled and committed team provide a high standard of service for patients. The team offer support to patients and their carers as well as advising and educating ward staff to deliver high quality patient care.



Celebrations begin for the Acute Stroke Unit

People's Choice Award

This prestigious award was voted for by readers of the St Helens Star newspaper and highlights the praise that patients and their families have for the excellent care they receive.

The award was presented by Steve Leary, Editor of the St Helens Star.



Winner

Rheumatology

The Team has achieved many national awards for the excellence of the service they provide. They deliver truly patient-centred care respecting the needs and individuality of every patient.

Highly Commended:

Allen Day Unit

This team has achieved exceptional results, focusing on the individual needs of every patient and ensuring that their rehabilitation programmes are specifically tailored to support them in regaining their independence and improving their quality of life.

Lilac Centre

This team provides a professional, personalised, compassionate service, at a time when patients are feeling at their most vulnerable, the work of this award winning service is consistently acknowledged with countless patient accolades.



The Rheumatology team are delighted with their award

Special Achievement Award

The Special Achievement Award for 2009 is to recognise a team that has made an outstanding contribution this year.

As a long standing and generous supporter of the evening, Taylor Woodrow Director Paul Harris presented this award with a little help and added glamour from X-Factor singer Ruth Lorenzo.



Winner

The Project & Commissioning Team for St Helens Hospital

This team has worked tirelessly, often working late into the night and has shown resilience and determination to achieve their goal within a very challenging timescale.

The magnitude of their task would have overwhelmed many, yet this incredible team have remained focused and supported each other throughout the time that it has taken to turn the dream into a reality.

Described as the best in the world and simply stunning, the new St Helens Hospital is a flagship for the NHS and a fantastic facility where we can provide excellent patient care. The skilful project management and commissioning of the new hospital has truly set the standard for creating world class healthcare facilities.

This magnificent achievement would not have been possible without the outstanding hard work and dedication of this very special team.



The world class St Helens Hospital is testament to the team's hard work.

'When a hero lies in you'



Sensational X-Factor singer, Ruth Lorenzo saluted award winners and staff as 'heroes' in a fantastic performance that had the whole room moved to tears.

After presenting the Special Achievement Award alongside Paul Harris, Director of Taylor Woodrow, Ruth took to the stage with an emotionally charged rendition of Mariah Carey's hit 'Hero' in tribute to the hard work and dedication of all the staff.



The stunning Spanish songstress hit all the high notes in a storming set which included 'Purple Rain', 'Knocking on Heaven's Door', 'Always' and 'Love Ain't Here Any More'.

After her amazing performance, Ruth took time out to meet some of the staff and have her photo taken with them.



Putting you in the picture

All the glitz, glamour and gossip from the night captured on camera...



Our ladies brave the weather



Simply stunning!


Stars in their eyes



'Oscars' are a girl's new best friend



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St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals 
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Come together



Dancing the night away



'Oops upside your head!'

Full collection available to purchase

A big Thank you to...

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this year's Staff Awards Presentation Evening such a fantastic success.

A special thanks to the following partners whose kind donations have enabled us to put on the largest NHS staff event of its kind, at no cost to the NHS:



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