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St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust



Special Awards Edition



10th ANNUAL STAFF AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING



All of the winners, the glitz, glamour and celebrity appearances
Plus surprise special guests Kian Egan and The Overtones

Let's get ready to party ...



The 10th Annual Awards Presentation Evening was a night of award winning stars, sparkle, glitz and glamour.

Over 1000 staff and guests gathered at the Liverpool Arena to celebrate the very best of the NHS in the biggest event of its kind. This wonderful event is funded through ticket sales and the generous donations of the Trust's partners and fundraising, so that it is at no cost to the NHS.

Surprise guests performances by Kian Egan, formerly of boy band Westlife and vocal harmony group The Overtones raised the roof off the Liverpool Arena, with many local celebrity guests and distinguished supporters of the Trust attending to honour our very own staff heroes.

The most anticipated event in the Trust's social calendar began with a drinks reception, where staff mingled and caught up with colleagues before the unveiling of the impressive main hall. The tables were decorated with sparkling silver including crystals, light-up balloons, bubbles and all the glamour that you would expect from such a stylish event.

As everyone took their seats, it was on to the first of many surprises on the night, a guest performance by Asa Elliott, long standing supporter of the Trust, opened the show with a rendition of Journey's 'Don't stop believing'.

The evening's Master of Ceremonies and star of radio and stage, Kev Seed then took to the stage to welcome staff and guests and led proceedings throughout the night. Kev introduced a very special group of patients, The Lilac Choir, who have all been treated, or are still being treated for cancer at the Lilac Centre, St Helens Hospital. Their amazing performance had the audience moved with their beautiful vocals and their incredible courage to perform in front of such a large crowd.

It was then time for the winner of Trust's Got Talent 2014, Nicky Loftus, Postgraduate Administrator, to perform her winning song, a beautiful acoustic version of Lady Gaga's hit 'Edge of glory'.

Guests then settled down for a 3 course meal which was an exquisite fine dining experience, a mouth-watering menu, beautifully presented and tasted delicious.

After dinner, Kev Seed was then joined on stage by John Leeman, Group Operations Director and Ian Cookson, Regional Sales Development Specialist from Polar Ford who generously donated a brand new Ford Fiesta car for the spectacular prize draw. One lucky member of staff walked away with the keys to the new Fiesta car. As porter Joseph O'Flaherty made his way to the stage, fireworks lit up the room and the 'Champions League' music resounded around the arena.

It was then on to the main business of the evening, the awards. Ann Marr, Chief Executive, who presented the first two surprise awards of the evening. First was the Special Recognition Award which was presented to Judith Marsland, Head of Media, PR and Communications for her work organising the Annual Awards over the last decade and Trust corporate events. The second award was a Special Achievement Award for the Mersey Regional Burns Unit, who were recognised for their work with patient Catrin Pugh who received 96% burns and survived odds of 1:1000 with the expert care of staff at the unit.

The movie of all movies then hit the big screens as staff and patients spoke of the expert care provided at the Trust and why they believe Whiston and St Helens hospitals are 'simply the best'. The energy in the room was electric as familiar faces from across the Trust lit up the screen, talking about their work in the hospitals and praising their fellow colleagues.

Following the excitement of the movie, there was no time at all for the audience to regain their breath as the remaining awards were presented. Local celebrities and distinguished supporters of the Trust presented the hotly contested awards that celebrate the hard-work and commitment of staff who provide the very best services and care to patients.

It was then time for the first of the two surprise guests of the night, the five-piece vocal harmony group The Overtones took to the stage and had the dance floor packed as they sang hit after hit that included both recent hits and Motown classics.

Then the thrilled audience were in raptures, as Kian Egan, formerly of Irish boy band Westlife was announced on to the stage for one of his very first live performances as a solo artist. Kian's fantastic and energetic performance had the audience singing and dancing along to Westlife classics, his own singles and covers of popular hit tunes that took the party into the early hours of the morning.

With an after-show party in the Arena and a disco until late, the crowd celebrated the very best of the NHS, dancing the night away at what had been hailed the best event yet.

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Chief Executive's Message included in the table programme

I am delighted that we can come together for the 10th year, to celebrate the wonderful achievements and hard work of our staff at this spectacular event.

The Trust has had a very busy and challenging year. Each day our talented staff show extraordinary levels of commitment and this has resulted in numerous awards and accolades for the Trust. This success is due to the continued hard work and determination to provide the highest standards of care to our patients.

I am overwhelmed by the tremendous amount of positive feedback I receive from patients and their families, who have experienced care at our two world class hospitals. This is a testament to you all and I would like to thank you on behalf of the patients and the Trust Board.

The Trust would like to extend a warm welcome to the many guests who are here to celebrate with us tonight.

I would like to thank our partner organisations for their generous contributions towards this evening. Without their incredible support it would not be possible to deliver this event at no cost to the NHS. Also, to our celebrity guests for giving their time for free and helping to make tonight extra special.

In particular, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Polar Ford who have provided the car for the prize draw, which will be made later this evening. We are sincerely grateful for their incredible generosity.

Finally, our Annual Awards is the biggest NHS award ceremony in the country, held at no cost to the NHS. Each year, for the past ten years, the working group never cease to amaze us. They work extremely hard to organise this amazing event and I have no doubt this evening will be the best yet!

I hope you enjoy this evening.

Ann Marr

Chief Executive



Our special guests

The Trust would like to thank our special guests for kindly giving their time for free to support the commitment of our staff by presenting the awards and adding extra glamour to the event.



Kev Seed, our Master of Ceremonies, once again shared his expert compere skills on the night. Star of radio and theatre, he has been a popular voice known across Merseyside for over 20 years. Kev is a long standing supporter of the Trust, hosting the awards ceremony and Trust's Got Talent each year.

Leanne Campbell and Dave Kelly are the new voices of the Radio City 96.7 Breakfast Show. After presenting the show that morning, Leanne and Dave stayed up late to join us for the first time to celebrate. They presented the Excellence in Clinical Care Award.



Claire Simonsen returned to the awards for a third year to present the Excellence in Service Improvement Award. Star of stage and radio, Claire was also a judge at this year's Trust's Got Talent and visited the children's wards at Christmas with the cast of the St Helens Theatre Royal Pantomime, where she played Tinkerbell.

Star of stage and screen **Andrew Lancel** took to the stage to present the Excellence in Support Services Award. Andrew has starred in 'The Bill' and in 'Coronation Street', more recently starring as Brian Epstein in the theatre play Epstein: The Man Who Made the Beatles.



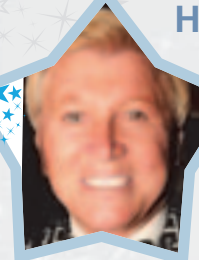
Simon 'Rossie' Ross is the popular voice of the Radio City 96.7 Top Ten at Ten Show, formerly host of the Rossie & Co Breakfast Show. A long standing friend of the Trust, this is the 6th year Rossie has returned to the awards evening and this year he presented the Excellence in Patient Experience Award.



The People's Choice Award, voted for by the readers of the St Helens Star, was presented by actor, model and star of the stage **Philip Olivier**. Philip played Tinhead in Brookside and more recently starred in Hollyoaks; in the City. Recently he took part in a celebrity version of Come Dine with me and featured in the hit ITV series Benidorm.



Herbert of Liverpool generously gives his time supporting the Trust throughout the year. As Ambassador of Dignity in Care he regularly visits the Care of the Elderly wards spending time with patients and bringing them gifts. He is a regular judge at Trust's Got Talent and returns to the Annual Staff Awards Evening each year to present the Employee of the Year Award.



Kurtis Stacey is best known for his role as Alex Moss, the hunky farm hand in the hit ITV soap drama Emmerdale. The actor and model also featured in the BBC drama Waterloo Road and is no stranger to the stage most recently starring as Aladdin in pantomime at the Liverpool Epstein Theatre. Kurtis presented this year's Team of the Year award.



Special Recognition Award

The Special Recognition award is given to recognise the unique and special contribution of an individual or a team.



Winner

Judith Marsland
Head of Media, PR and Communications



Presented by
Ann Marr,
Chief Executive

The recipient has no idea that she is about to receive this award.

On this, our tenth annual staff awards night, this award recognises the contribution of a very special individual. Without her amazing organisational skills, corporate events would have no sparkle or bling, and our past ten years of celebration events would have been a lot less fun.

Tonight, our Special Recognition Award goes to the person who makes this all possible, Judith Marsland.



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Special Achievement Award

The Special Achievement Award recognises an outstanding accomplishment by a team or member of staff.



Winner

Mersey Regional Burns Unit



Presented by
Ann Marr,
Chief Executive

It takes a special group of people with unique skills to do extraordinary things.

This team of clinical experts often save lives but on this occasion they saved a life with only a 1:1000 chance of survival. Against all the odds, they have re-written the text books and theories and given a young girl the chance of fulfilling her dreams and given a family their daughter and sister back. Catrin Pugh survived 96% burns and is a living miracle, thanks to the skills of this amazing team.



Excellence in Clinical Care

This award recognises a significant commitment and contribution to delivering high quality care.



Winner

Ward 1E, Coronary Care Unit

The care delivered by this team is of the highest standard, and feedback from their patients is very positive.

Highly Commended: Cancer Nurse Specialists

This specialised nursing team provides much needed support to patients, showing compassion and empathy during the most difficult times.



Presented by Leanne Campbell and Dave Kelly

Ward 4B, General Surgery

This ward team has introduced innovative new pathways of care to significantly improve the service delivered to emergency surgical patients.



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Excellence in Service Improvement

This award is to recognise where a clinical or non-clinical service has been enhanced to deliver improvement or increase efficiency



Winner

Operating Theatre Department, Whiston Hospital

This team has worked hard to improve productivity, but has also made significant progress in improving safety processes.

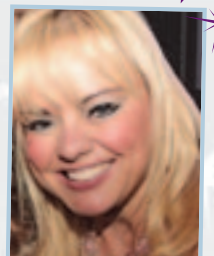
Highly Commended:

Rowan Pritchard-Jones & Informatics Department

Rowan and the IT team have developed an award winning app, that helps treat critically ill patients who have suffered major burn injuries.

Ward 1A, Acute Stroke Unit

This team has improved many of their ward processes in order to provide the best possible care to stroke patients.



Presented by
Claire Simonsen



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Excellence in Support Services

This award recognises exceptional service in supporting the delivery of patient care.



Winner



Pathology Department



Presented by
Andrew Lancel

This team consistently achieve or surpass all quality and productivity targets, and provide an excellent service to users, inside and outside the Trust.

Highly Commended: Patient Booking Services

The staff provide an excellent service to patients, making every effort to accommodate their choice of appointment time.

Porters

Patients give very positive feedback about the kind, friendly and good humoured service provided by the portering team.



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Excellence in Patient Experience

This award recognises a contribution that has resulted in excellent patient experience.



Winner

Maternity Unit

The team have worked extremely hard to achieve the highest level of accreditation for providing safe care to mothers and babies.

Highly Commended:

Allen Day Unit

This team provide individualised care to patients with complex health needs, delivered with kindness and respect.

Ward 3A, Plastic Surgery

This ward consistently achieves high levels of performance across a whole range of indicators, including patient satisfaction.



Presented by Simon
'Rossie' Ross



People's Choice Award

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



Winner

Rheumatology

This team of experts provide first class care for patients with acute and chronic long term conditions. Their work has gained them international recognition and many awards.

Highly Commended:

Helen Thornton, Diabetic Nurse Specialist

Helen is passionate about her job; she has implemented many new service innovations, and she is always available to support families, even when not on duty.

Lilac Centre

Staff often go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure patients being treated for cancer are given as much care and support as possible.



Presented by
Philip Olivier



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Employee of the Year Award

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



Presented by
Herbert of
Liverpool

Winner

Jenny Tarpey

Staff Nurse, Accident and Emergency Department

Through sheer determination, Jenny has overcome serious illness to return to her nursing role. Her courage is inspiring.

Highly Commended:

Subba Ganjam, Specialty Doctor, Care of the Elderly

Subba is reliable, helpful and supportive to his colleagues, and shows exceptional kindness and compassion to his patients. He is a truly caring professional.

Viv Williams, Receptionist, Burney Breast Unit

Viv is the first person that patients meet when attending the unit. Patients say her friendly, approachable and reassuring manner puts them at ease at a very stressful time.



Team of the Year Award

This award recognises the performance of a team that has continuously delivered a first class service.



Winner

Sanderson Suite and Operating Theatres

This team has made significant improvements in productivity and efficiency, but has also received many accolades from patients about the care and kindness they received.

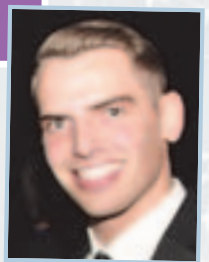
Highly Commended:

Mohs Surgical Team

This team provide specialised microscopic surgery and reconstruction services to skin cancer patients, which has received national and international recognition.

Trauma Rehabilitation Unit, Seddon Suite

This is a new and innovative rehabilitation unit caring for patients who have suffered a major trauma or illness. Excellent care is provided, helping to re-build patients' lives.



Presented by
Kurtis Stacey





The Lilac Choir

Special guests, The Lilac Choir (TLC) were a surprise performance on the night. The choir consists of patients who have received or are still receiving treatment for cancer at the Lilac Centre, St Helens Hospital.

The room fell silent as the choir took to the stage for their first performance, singing the Adele classic 'Make you feel my love' and the Randy Newman classic 'You've got a friend in me'.



Choirmaster, Bernie Whelan and Counselling & Complementary Therapy Coordinator Shirlye Deveney supported the patients as they wowed the audience with their fantastic vocals and incredible bravery.

Choir member and Lilac Centre patient, Carol Platt said: "I was very nervous but so glad to give it a go. The choir is the highlight of my week now; I look forward to having fun and return home with a huge grin on my face. It's the only time when cancer is put on the back burner, it's a chance in a million to sing at the Liverpool Arena."

The Winner of



2014 performs



Postgraduate Administrator, Nicky Loftus, took to the stage reminding everyone of her fantastic talent and just why she won this year's Trust's Got Talent show earlier this year.

Part of the prize for winning the contest is an invitation to perform at the Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening and Nicky had the audience captivated with her beautiful rendition of Lady Gaga's 'Edge of Glory'.

Asa Elliott



Star of stage and screen and Trust's Got Talent judge, Asa Elliott, got the party started with his fantastic performance of Journey's 'Don't stop believing'. He had people dancing around their tables with his high energy opener.

He returned later in the evening with a dramatic and powerful version of the opera classic Nessun Dorma during the unveiling of the prize draw spectacular, a brand new Ford Fiesta car. Asa is a regular guest at Trust events and often lights up the stage with his amazing performances. Asa has supported the Trust's Annual Awards since the very start a decade ago, performing at the very first two awards evenings and more since.



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Winner of the **SPECTACULAR** prize draw

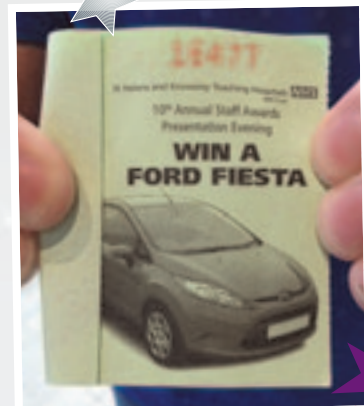


Winner Joseph O'Flaherty, Porter (centre) with Ian Cookson, Regional Sales Development Specialist (left) and John Leeman, Group Operations Director (right) Polar Ford.



This year's spectacular prize draw was the chance to walk away with the keys to a brand new Ford Fiesta car, generously donated by Polar Ford, St Helens, Runcorn and Warrington.

Staff were able to purchase tickets for as little as £5. In return the lucky winner Joseph O'Flaherty, Porter walked away with a brand new car worth over £13,000.



Above: The winning ticket

Left: Winner Joseph O'Flaherty with his winning ticket

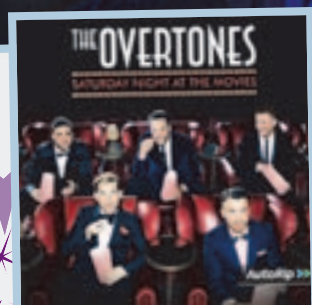
Surprise guest performer **THE OVERTONES**

The Overtones were the first special guest performers on the night.

The five-piece vocal harmony group had the dance floor full to bursting as guests danced the night away to their silky smooth vocals. Songs included 'Gambling man', 'Pretty woman', 'Jungle book', 'Can't take my eyes off you' and many more, thrilling the crowd with

their perfectly choreographed routines and slick dance moves.

A truly professional group, with an exciting and exhilarating performance, The Overtones ended their set by thanking the audience for their amazing support and left the crowd on a real high, wanting more....



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Surprise guest performer

Kian Egan

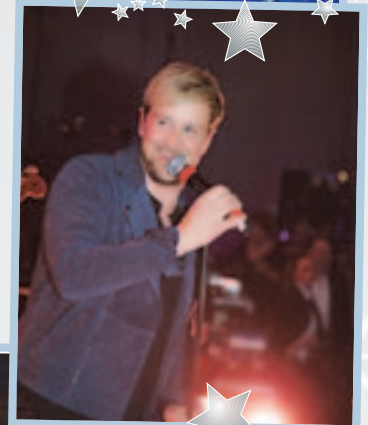
The crowd were buzzing as compere Kev Seed hinted at who was about to take to the stage... part of one the biggest selling and most popular boy bands of all time, judge on Ireland's version of The Voice talent programme,

guest presenter on ITV's This Morning and the reigning King of the Jungle from I'm a Celebrity - Get Me Out of Here.

The room exploded in excitement, as former Westlife singer, Kian Egan took to the stage in one of his first ever live solo performances.

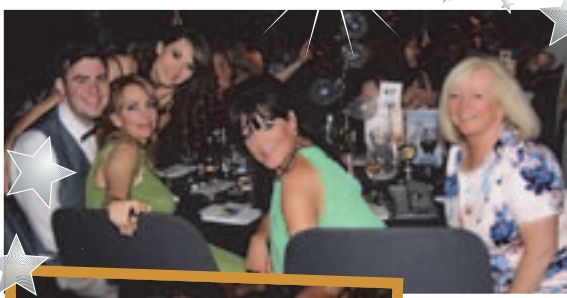
The excitement reached fever pitch as Kian sang Westlife classics including 'Tell me what makes a man', 'When you're looking like that' and his new solo single 'Home'.

The crowd went crazy for Kian's boy next door charm, handsome good looks and his electrifying performance. It truly was a night never to be forgotten!!



Putting you in the picture

All the night's action and glamour caught on camera...





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A huge Thank you to...

The Trust would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this year's Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening such an amazing success.

We would especially like to thank the following partner organisations whose kind donations have enabled the Trust to make this event the biggest NHS staff awards of its kind and all at no cost to the NHS.

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