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Call for nominations for exceptional staff

Has one of our teams, services or individual members of staff made a real difference to your healthcare?

Or have they listened to your experience and made things better for you and other people as a result?

Why not say thank you by nominating them for an award.

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is inviting patients, service users and carers to nominate staff who they feel have shown exceptional dedication in caring for themselves or someone they know, or who have listened to what people have said and improved services as a result.

The parents of a service user at Rubicon, our short breaks home in Mountsorrel for people with multiple and profound learning disabilities have nominated the team there for providing exceptional care. They said: “The team at Rubicon are such an important part of our son’s life, they are a constant for him in what can be a very confusing world. The whole team are excellent… we know that he is safe, happy and cared for.”

Patients, service users and carers can make nominations for two separate awards:

★ The Exceptional Care Award which, as the name suggests aims to recognise staff who have shown exceptional dedication to someone’s care.

★ The Excellence in Involvement Award which aims to recognise staff who have used the experience of patients, service users and carers to bring about improvement.

The awards are part of the LPT Celebrating Excellence 2012 Awards and are the only two categories in which patients, service users and carers can nominate.
LPT provides mental health, learning disability and community health services. All 6,000 of the Trust’s staff are eligible for nomination. They include staff working on the wards in local community hospitals in Ashby, Coalville, Hinckley, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray and Rutland, staff working in Leicester’s mental health and learning disability units, community mental health and learning disability staff and community nurses who care for people at home, school nurses, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and podiatry staff, our nutrition and dietetics services, health visitors, and the staff who work on our receptions and in our offices.

Entries will be judged by teams including a patient, service user or carer.

The winners will be announced at an award ceremony on 20 September 2012. Those patients, service users or carers who nominate the finalists will be invited to attend.

Nomination forms are available by visiting our website (www.leicspart.nhs.uk) or calling 0116 2950801. Closing date for nominations is Friday 15 June 2012.

Note to editors

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million and has a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk/

   **Our mission:** To advance health and wellbeing for you and your community

   **Our vision:** To become an integrated Foundation Trust with a passion for quality and excellence

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