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Nominate your mental health and community health heroes!

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is inviting patients, service users, carers and staff to nominate their staff and volunteers for the trust's annual Celebrating Excellence awards, which recognise the exceptional care provided by the trust's 5,500 staff and 400 plus volunteers.

The award categories recognise the diverse ways in which our Trust delivers excellence for our patients, service users and staff. Three of the eleven award categories are open to nominations from members of the public:

- ★ **Delivering Exceptional Care Award** – recognises either a team or an individual who has shown outstanding dedication to the care of his or her patients or service users, as well as outstanding commitment to the NHS and to improving services.
- ★ **Volunteer of the Year Award** - Awarded to an individual volunteer, team of volunteers or charity that has made an outstanding contribution to helping LPT go above and beyond.
- ★ **Unsung Hero of the Year Award** - Selected by the chair and chief executive of the Trust, this award recognises an individual for their exceptional practice or contribution.

Last year's winner of the Unsung Hero award was given to Nexhmi Cera, medical secretary in community health services. She stepped out of her day-to-day role to dedicate herself full time for three months to essential data cleansing work for the memory service. Despite the demands of the task, she remained enthusiastic and showed outstanding commitment. Watch the nomination video [here](#).

If you would like to make a nomination in one of these categories, please do so before **nominations close on Monday 4 February at 5pm.**

More information about the awards, including the specific criteria, is available at www.leicspart.nhs.uk/awards, where you can also make an online nomination, or download a nomination form.

The winners of the Celebrating Excellence Awards 2019 will be announced at a sponsored evening ceremony to be held on Friday 17 May. Those who nominate finalists will be invited to attend the event and join in the celebrations. You can watch a video of all the shortlisted nominees from last year's awards [here](#).

To sponsor an award, please contact Lindsay Woodward, fundraising manager on 0116 295 0889 or via email: lindsay.woodward@leicspart.nhs.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk.

Raising Health is our registered charity (number 1057361) which raises funds to support LPT's excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision, to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff. www.raisinghealth.org.uk

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