Staff and volunteers with long service to the NHS were celebrated at a special event on 12 September. The Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) long service awards was an opportunity to recognise the contribution made by 66 staff and 69 volunteers who between them have clocked up an incredible 2,465 years of service within the NHS.

The awards ceremony, held at the Peepul Centre in Leicester, recognised staff who have worked for the NHS for 25, 30 or 40 years. For the first time this year, volunteers were also recognized, for their 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service to LPT.

In welcoming staff to the event, chief executive Dr Peter Miller thanked the staff and volunteers: “Your contribution to the NHS and patient care has touched thousands of lives, supporting people when they were at their most vulnerable, and we applaud your
dedication and resilience. The NHS has been safe in your hands, and future
generations have a lot to be thankful to you for.”

The awards were presented by Trust Chair, Cathy Ellis, alongside Chief Executive, Dr
Peter Miller. Speaking at the event, Cathy Ellis thanked staff and volunteers, not only on
behalf of the Trust, but also on behalf of LPT’s patients and service users, for their
loyalty and dedication. She said: “The NHS relies on your commitment to the highest
standards of care all day, every day. You have delivered that and so much more, making
a huge difference to people’s lives.”

Jane Evans, is a current LPT staff member who was
recognized for 40 years of service.

Jane Evans started her career in the mental health
service in 1976 as a volunteer whilst she was on a
pre-nursing course at Southfields College. She
initially worked at The Towers hospital on two wards
providing occupational therapy for patients. Since
then she has supported older people with
rehabilitation and worked with people with learning disabilities. Jane currently works as a
healthcare support worker in Willows short breaks home for people with learning
disabilities.

Dahiben and Mohan Patel were recognised for 15
years of service to LPT.

The couple has been volunteering on Thursday
mornings on Swithland ward at Loughborough
hospital since the year 2000. They act as ward
visitors talking with patients.

The annual Long Service awards are just one of the ways LPT recognises the care and
commitment shown by its staff and volunteers. Our monthly Valued Star award
celebrates those who have gone ‘above and beyond’ in bringing to life our core values of
trust, integrity, compassion and respect. Nominations can be made by colleagues or
service users at www.leicspart.nhs.uk/valuedstars. In addition, our annual ‘Celebrating
Excellence’ awards acknowledge a huge range of achievements across our 5,600-
strong workforce. These will be held in Spring 2018.

For volunteering opportunities please visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk/volunteering

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