

Volunteer Vision eNewsletter



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We promote, recruit and support volunteers in making a positive difference to enhance patient experience and the quality of our services at LPT



Welcome to the final
edition of the year.

We hope that you enjoy the holiday season and that 2021 will be a happy and healthy year for you and your families. Thank you for all the time you have given to volunteering in 2020. We look forward very much to welcoming more and more volunteers back, especially now that the vaccination programme has begun, and we can be more hopeful about a future where covid is under control.

The Voluntary Services Manager, Annie Peel, is leaving us in February to move to rural Somerset after seven years in the job and ten years in the Trust. Annie says,

"I have really enjoyed working with volunteers in LPT and seeing the fantastic difference they make for patients, service users and staff. I wish each and every volunteer and the team all the very best for the future".

The volunteering office will be closed from Friday, 25 December and will re-open on Monday, 4 January 2021.

Virtual Christmas Raffle



The volunteering team's annual raffle went really well, we have raised £305 to support volunteering. This year in particular volunteers have gone the extra mile to support the NHS locally and served as valuable keyworkers during the pandemic. We use this money to fund things like volunteer birthday cards and long service celebration. Thanks to all who supported the raffle.

Commemorative PIN

Badges have been issued to all NHS staff and active volunteers as a THANK YOU for working during the Covid-19 pandemic. If you have been volunteering and haven't received your badge, please do let us know and we will send one to you.



LPT Photography Competition



LPT held its first ever photography competition and what a great response we had to it with 92 entries in total across 3 categories Natural World, Health and Wellbeing and Senses. The judging was extremely difficult as the standard of creative photographs was so high, volunteer **Malcolm Heaven** came first in the Natural World category with this lovely photo.

Volunteer Story

Jean Denyer is our Volunteer End of Life Champion and she had been volunteering on the ward at Rutland Memorial Hospital, prior to Covid. Since not being able to volunteer in a clinical setting she has been offering her help in other ways by sourcing donations of toiletries, clothing and goodies for patients and staff, and setting up a group of ladies (Rutland Scrubtastic) who have worked tirelessly making PPE for ward staff, as well as the wider NHS community. The ladies have been sourcing and making Christmas gifts for patients who will be in Rutland Hospital over the festive period.



Most recently she was successful in getting funding to redecorate the day room on Rutland Ward, with a complete makeover. It has made a dim and uninviting space, into a bright and welcoming place for staff and patients to sit.

Jean has also just received recognition from the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sherriff of Rutland, who have presented her with a certificate – thanking Jean for her outstanding community achievements, high recognition indeed!

Celebrating Excellence 2020

Our annual Celebrating Excellence awards aim to recognise exceptional individuals and teams for their dedication and commitment to our vision: 'creating high quality, compassionate care and wellbeing for all' and values of compassion, respect, integrity and trust.

This year's award ceremony was unfortunately postponed due to Covid-19. We received over 200 nominations, and following a tough shortlisting process we are now very pleased to reveal the official volunteer shortlist (for work undertaken from April 2019 to February 2020):

Volunteer of the Year

Shortlisted

Jean Denyer - Community health services
Talking Skills Group Volunteers
Malcolm Heaven - Adult mental health / learning disabilities

Nominated

Breastfeeding peer supporters - Mammias and Milk Matters
Chaplaincy volunteers
Karen Peckover - ECT service
Hannah Jarvis - Knead To Chat project
Hinckley Tea Bar Volunteer Team

Well done to all those shortlisted and nominated in last year's awards. The winners will be announced through a rescheduled awards ceremony – details of which will be shared in due course.



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