Trust staff recognised for their learning

More than 180 staff from The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust were recognised for their learning over the last year at the annual Learning and Development Awards.

The ceremony, at the Carlton Park Hotel, celebrated the achievements of staff who have improved their skills or gained qualifications in a range of subjects including literacy and numeracy, IT, team leading, business administration, dementia awareness and palliative care.

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"This year we have seen an increase in the number of people achieving nationally recognised qualifications in literacy and numeracy. We have also seen the introduction of the Apprenticeships programme within the Trust. This ongoing initiative provides opportunities for both new and existing staff and we are working hard to increase numbers.

“We are really pleased that we have such great commitment from staff to improve their skills as we know the rewards for them personally and for the organisation are great. Investing in the development of staff is key to the Trust’s continued success and next year we want to see even more people being recognised for their learning.”
Patients and visitors will have better access to information and be able to get a clearer picture of what to expect from their treatment with the launch of Rotherham Hospital’s new website. The website was designed and produced in house and will provide a one-stop-shop for all health related information including all the latest news about what is going on at the hospital and information about different departments and treatment. It will also provide useful links to other health services such as information about family doctors and community services.

Chief of Business Development Mike Pinkerton says: “Using or visiting any hospital can be a daunting experience without the right information. Here at Rotherham we are determined to provide accurate, up-to-date and well presented information for our patients and visitors, so they can be clear about what to expect, and know how to get further information and support if they need it.

“We know from research that more and more people are using the internet to search for information about the health services in their area and find out what they can expect about their treatment before they come into hospital. We want to make sure people in Rotherham have easy access to the information they need and now it’s just a mouse click away.”

Rotherham Hospital supports Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Each year some older people face abuse at the hands of their friends or relatives. Elder Abuse Awareness Day aims to spread the message to protect and prevent abuse of vulnerable older adults. Rotherham Hospital staff have been highlighting the financial, emotional, physical and sexual abuse or neglect some older people can face in the community.

The Trust’s Safeguarding Adults Lead Janet Roberts, has been out around the hospital talking to staff, patients and visitors and telling them how they can help to keep an eye out for any warning signs and report it. She says: “It is a sad fact that older people can sometimes find themselves the subject of abuse in many different forms such as physical, mental or emotional. We want to make sure everyone is aware that this can happen and help to give older people more of a voice.

Janet Roberts, Safeguarding Adults Lead

“Abuse is not acceptable in any circumstances and we are trying to do our bit help stop this from happening - if we can help to prevent even one case of abuse against an older person then that would be a result.”

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