

STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL

Star nurse earns top safety award

A STOCKPORT NHS school nurse has received national recognition for her excellent performance in providing safeguarding training for colleagues.

Anne-Marie Gallogly was named as a 'Safeguarding Star' and was presented with her award in an online commendation from national safeguarding lead Cath Randall, National Associate Director of

Safeguarding for NHS England, and Sharon White, Chief Executive Officer of the School and Public Health Nurses Association (SAPHNA).

Anne-Marie trained at Stepping Hill Hospital in 1990 and has been with the Stockport NHS school nursing team for over 14 years. She regularly delivers training for her health colleagues so that they can maintain the

highest standards of promoting the welfare of children and protecting them from harm.

On behalf of SAPHNA she provided the Care Quality Commission's inspectorate team with a special training session which demonstrated these high standards, which are now being shared with NHS colleagues at both a regional and national level as best practice to follow.

Cath Randall said: "The Safeguarding Star is a new award which recognises those who have shown the most exemplary standards and have gone above and beyond in promoting safeguarding, and Anne-Marie has shown that she truly deserves this. I hope she wears her Safeguarding Star badge with pride!"

Fran Jackson, service lead for Stockport NHS

Foundation Trust School Nursing service said "Anne-Marie is a hard working and well respected colleague and is passionate about safeguarding children and young people, and that really comes over in the training she provides.

"All her colleagues are really proud that she has been recognised as the Safeguarding Star we know her to be."



● Anne-Marie Gallogly shows her badge

Success is on menu for Duncan

THE head of Stockport NHS Foundation Trust's catering team has won a national award for leading it to exceptionally high standards.

Duncan O'Neil won the 'Special Contribution Award' at this year's Public Sector Catering Awards, which were announced in a ceremony at the London Hilton Metropole on April 13. The award was for an individual or organisation who has performed a role which has had a significant positive influence in the provision of services in the Public Sector.

The team as a whole were shortlisted in the 'Hospital Catering of the Year' and 'Team of the Year' at the awards, which celebrate the very best in public sector catering across the country.

The team, based at Stepping Hill Hospital, has reached its high standards under the leadership of Duncan O'Neil who has been praised by colleagues for his hard work, innovation, and his dedication to improving staff morale.

He is described by colleagues as being a supportive manager who helps colleagues to progress in their roles, and having a constant and consistent desire to learn and improve the service, taking the team around him along at every step, which helps create a strong team working ethic.

The team provides catering for both inpatients and the hospital restaurant, and has set continually high standards, being recognised as an 'exemplar site' for other NHS trusts to



● Duncan O'Neil receiving his award from Paul Stanley of Middleton Foods and awards host comedy writer Dominic Holland.

follow since 2021, and with two of its Assistant Head Chefs Erica Bell and Shelley Pearson-Smith named as NHS Chefs of the Year following a nation-wide competition run by NHS England and NHS Improvement in 2022.

As well as keeping to high nutritional standards, the team pride themselves on their diversity, with food and recipes from around the world, and with special menus developed for theme days including religious, cultural, and other celebrations.

Duncan is the first to admit none of the improvements or changes would be possible without the support of the kitchen management team of Asela Kuruwita, Nicholas Roberts and Emma Cartmill and all members of the team who care about the patient experience at Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.

Paul Featherstone, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Director for Estates and Facilities said "It is very fitting that Duncan has won a 'Special Contribution' award as this is very much the quality he brings to his leadership of our outstanding catering team. Huge congratulations to Duncan for his achievement, and also to the team as a whole for the recognition they have all received at the Public Sector Catering Awards."

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