

# Core Brief



## Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (31 May 2024, 2.30pm)

A huge congratulations to all the winners from last night's Celebrating Success Staff Awards. A fantastic evening was had by everyone, and I was – as I'm sure everyone was – bowled over by the extraordinary talent and dedication from staff and volunteers on display over the course of the evening. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements, which act as a reminder to us all of what it fundamentally means to work in health and social care services and how our values shine through our services. Well done again. You can view a full image gallery and list of winners on our [website](#) or through this morning's core brief.

A special mention must go to our two Chair's Awards of Excellence winners, the Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Team based in the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and Dr Mike Basler, Consultant Anaesthetist at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.



Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Team



Dr Mike Basler, Consultant Anaesthetist

The night was also an occasion to celebrate a group of very special staff who have dedicated 50 years of service to the NHS. This year, we were delighted to recognise 15 colleagues who have marked this major milestone. Congratulations to them on an outstanding achievement.



50 year service staff



Professor Jason Leitch, CBE, hosted the evening





William Cullen prize winners

To view the full image gallery from the night visit our [website](#)

I would like to remind all staff that our iMatter staff engagement survey remains open, and we are keen for everyone to take five minutes to complete the questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable and will be used as a tool to measure and improve staff experiences. You should all now have received an email with a link to the survey, and there are also paper versions available for staff. Find out more information on iMatter and its impact on the [dedicated web resource](#).

I would also like to take some time to highlight Dementia Awareness Week, which runs until Sunday. There are around 90,000 people in Scotland living with dementia, including 3,000 under 65 years of age. This week marks an important opportunity for staff to educate themselves and raise awareness of the condition and how we can support those affected by it. I'd encourage all staff to review some of the dementia resources we have been promoting through our Core Brief and to learn about some of the fantastic work our teams deliver to provide high-quality care for dementia patients. You can also take your own brain health quiz [here](#), to get some tips on how to minimise the risk of dementia.

And finally, I'd like to shine a light on some fantastic person-centred care from the Lomond Ward at the Vale of Leven Hospital. Well done to the team who looked after this patient:

“My Grandfather was recently admitted to hospital for 14 weeks acutely unwell. After 12 weeks at RAH we were able to have him transferred to our local hospital. He was moved to the Lomond Ward at Vale of Leven hospital.

“The standard of care there was fantastic. The staff were able to take the time to get to know him, were able to recognise his spells of delirium and notice when he was forgetting to eat. He had consistency and was able to regain as much independence as possible through their compassion and patience with him. Especially the charge nurse, Rachel, who took the time to speak to us as a family and made us feel secure in the knowledge he was being properly looked after. She was also able to get Grampa to eat by prompting him when he would forget. The competence and communication from Rachel was a huge part in his recovery and being able to get home which is where he was desperate to be. We will never forget the compassion she had shown our family during an extremely difficult time for us all.”

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