

Northern Lights Dementia Quality Improvement Awards



Thank you to all those that attended the 4th Annual Northern Lights Dementia Quality Improvement Awards event on Thursday 30 March 2017 at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel. We received high calibre submissions with innovative and transformational work taking place by all candidates across various areas. Finalists and runners-up showcased their positive work via posters and stalls throughout the day with extensive networking taking place.



Dr Richard Preece, Executive Lead for Quality GMHSCP opened the day and **Maqsood Ahmad**, SCN Senior Manager chaired the morning session which included presentations from **Professor Alistair Burns**, NHS England and **Dr Fahmid Chowdhury**, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust who was a winner in 2016. There were also poignant speeches from **Wendy Mitchell**, author of online blog 'Which me am I today?' and **Mike and Liz Brookes**, living with dementia and their support worker from Alzheimer's Society, **Guy Lee-Potter**. The morning concluded with presentations from all the shortlisted finalists across 5 award categories which were then judged and scored.



Steve Poole, Chair of Yorkshire and Humber Dementia Action Alliance opened the afternoon session, followed by **Dr Amanda Thornton**, Clinical Director of Adult Community Services, Lancashire Care NHS FT announcing the results. **Wendy Mitchell** presented trophies to both the winner and runner-up in each category. **The winners were:**

- Dr Sara Humphrey, Clinical Network GP Advisor for Dementia Yorkshire and Humber SCN
- Crossroads Care Rotherham Team Biography
- Delirium Presentation Team, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT
- Carol Rogers, Executive Director, Education and Visitors, National Museums Liverpool
- Sian Harrison, Team Leader Advanced Dementia Support Team, End of Life Partnership, Cheshire



To finish, delegates were asked to end the day with a reflection session and action plan.

What's next? A formal report will be produced and communicated with a sharing of slides from the event.