Derbyshire General Practice Awards 2026

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Shining Stories of Derbyshire General Practice

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Rising Star Award

Nominees

Nicola Clist, Assistant Practice Manager
Paige Keetley, Trainee GP Assistant
Robert Pilmore, Lead Social Prescribing Link Worker
Kelsa Overson, Practice Nurse
Alannah Biggs, Lead Nurse

Nicola Clist, Assistant Practice Manager

I have worked in General Practice for 20 years, although my journey started quite modestly when I came into the practice in my spare time to make tea and file notes. I quickly developed an interest in the medical side of primary care and went on to become a Healthcare Assistant. Not content to stop there, at the age of 53 I took the plunge and went to university to qualify as a Nursing Associate, which some might say was a little mad! While I thoroughly enjoyed the patient-facing aspects of the role, I found myself increasingly drawn to the wider running of the practice. Policies, procedures, governance, and improving systems seemed to be where my passion naturally lay, which eventually led me into practice management.

Fun fact: Before working in General Practice, I was a planner for McVitie's, so there's a good chance that if you've ever enjoyed a Mini Cheddar or dunked a Digestive biscuit in your tea, I played a small part in making sure it reached the shelf!

Paige Keetley, Trainee GP Assistant

My name is Paige Keetley and I have worked at Stubley Medical Centre for 5 years. After finishing school, I joined the practice as a temporary administrator in the COVID clinic inputting the vaccination details into patients records. After 7 months I was offered a permanent full-time job at the surgery! This then progressed into being promoted to the Senior Administrator as I demonstrated a willingness to learn and develop my leadership skills.

This has lead to my current role which is a trainee GP assistant which has lead to a more hands on approach including urine dipping and 24hr blood pressure fitting. Since working within the NHS and general practice specifically it has given me the opportunity to explore a rewarding career path I never thought I could do. My fun fact is I coach/manage an under 7s girls football team! We played our first match in July and won

Robert Pilmore, Lead Social Prescribing Link Worker

Hello, my name is Rob. I am the Lead Social Prescribing Link Worker for Chesterfield and Dronfield PCN. I have worked in general practice for 4 years, but have many years of experience working in mental health within community and forensic settings prior to this. I love the work I do, and truly believe social prescribing is a vital part of the NHS system. I spent 13 years running ghost walks in Chesterfield and my first car was a hearse!

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Nominees

Dr Ian Anderson, Retired GP and Chair of Inspire Patient Group
Benjamin Kavanagh, Assistant Practice Manager
Sinead Mccarthy, Receptionist and Care Coordinator / Carers Champion
Patient Participation Group (PPG), Dronfield Medical Practice
Dr. Amelia Saunders, GP

Patient Champion Award

Dr. Amelia Saunders, GP

I'm Millie Saunders, a salaried GP with an interest in frailty and medical education. I've worked in general practice for over six years and really enjoy the variety of the role, as well as the opportunity to support both patients and colleagues.

Fun fact: One Christmas, I spent the season dressed as a Victorian, giving tours of the ruins of Alton Towers Castle!

Sinead Mccarthy, Receptionist and Care Coordinator / Carers Champion

I have worked in General Practice for just over 3 years, and I am Passionate about making a positive impact within the NHS. I Joined the NHS as an apprentice at the age of 16, and from the very beginning I knew I wanted to make a meaningful difference to the lives of patients. Throughout my career, I have always aimed to go above and beyond in every project I Undertake. I find it Incredibly rewarding to see the positive outcomes of my work and the difference it can make to both patients and colleagues. Supporting people and contributing to improvements in healthcare is what motivates me Every single day. I am now 20 years old, and I have a Dream that I will continue to make huge improvements in the NHS.

Fun Fact about me: I know Makaton Sign language due to my brother being Deaf!

Benjamin Kavanagh, Trainee GP Assistant

I have worked in primary care for four years, following ten years in secondary care as an Operations Manager. I enjoy being able to influence positive change in the patient experience while supporting colleagues in an evolving and demanding environment.

A fun fact about me: growing up, I wanted to be a zookeeper. However, I pivoted to the NHS, only to discover that dreaming of working with wild beasts was the perfect preparation for my current role. I imagine herding rhinos is significantly easier than getting a room full of GPs to agree on annual leave planning, but I can safely say my role is just as rewarding.

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Clinical Excellence Award

Nominees

Weronika Tobias, GP
Carmen Villegas-Galvez, Clinical Lead for Long-Term Conditions / Specialist Diabetes Pharmacist
Corinna Small, GP
Kate Woodier, GP Partner
Lindsey Morris-Hoyland, Nurse Prescriber and Practice Nurse

Carmen Villegas-Galvez, Clinical Lead for Long-Term Conditions / Specialist Diabetes Pharmacist

I'm an Advanced Clinical Pharmacist and Clinical Lead for Long-Term Conditions at Inspire Health in Chesterfield. I have worked in General Practice for over 15 years and has a particular interest in diabetes, chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular–renal–metabolic health. Alongside frontline clinical care, I leads quality-improvement and innovation projects, supports the development of other healthcare professionals, and is currently undertaking a Derbyshire General Practice Research Fellowship.

Fun fact: I'm a very proud swimming mum—my son recently became British Champion in the 200-metre backstroke, despite not being able to swim myself!

Lindsey Morris-Hoyland, Nurse Prescriber and Practice Nurse

I have been a qualified nurse for twelve years, and throughout my career I have always felt incredibly proud to support, advocate for and care for my patients. For the past three years, I have been fortunate enough to work in general practice, having made the transition from secondary care. I had always admired the role of general practice teams, both through my own experiences and when supporting family members. However, it was a particularly personal experience during my beloved Nannan's final weeks of life that truly shaped my ambition to work in this setting. The compassion and care shown by an Advanced Nurse Practitioner during such an important and difficult time left a lasting impression on me and made me realise that, one day, this was where I wanted to be. I knew that working in general practice required experience, confidence and a willingness to keep learning, but in 2023 I decided to apply for my role and make the leap. I am so grateful that I did. One of the greatest privileges of general practice is being able to care for people throughout different chapters of their lives — getting to know them not only when they are unwell, but also through the many moments in between. Health is rarely a straight line, and being able to provide continuity, reassurance and support as people's circumstances change is something I value deeply. Looking back, I am incredibly glad I took that leap. General practice has given me the opportunity to practise the kind of nursing I have always aspired to — compassionate, personal and centred around the individual. It is a privilege to be part of my patients' lives, and one I never take for granted. General practice is also somewhere where you never stop learning and evolving.

Fun fact: I am really interested in sharks and marine life, my alternative career choice would have been a marine biologist!

Weronika Tobias, GP

I've spent eight years in General Practice, blending clinical care with fellowships in education, quality improvement and leadership. Irepresents Erewash GPs at DDLMC and loves championing neighbourhood care and supporting early--career GPs.

Fun fact: This summer, Iswapped clinic rooms for train carriages, interrailing across Europe with her husband and three children — proving that good company, good food and a good book can get you through almost anything.

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Nominees

Peartree Medical Centre
Stubley Medical Centre
Old Station Surgery
Riversdale Reception
Littlewick Medical Centre

Reception Team Award

Old Station Surgery

What makes our team special are the shared values of teamwork, support, and endless levels of positivity, regardless of how difficult a day, a week or a month might have been. Each person brings their own personality, skills and experience to the team. Together, they create the ideal blend of calm professionalism, helpfulness, a can-do attitude, humour and mutual understanding. Outside work, they enjoy socialising together and supporting fundraising events for charities such as Macmillan, Treetops Hospice and Maggie's.

Fun fact: their best-kept secret is their amazing dancefloor moves. If there was an award category for this, we believe they would be the frontrunners.

Riversdale Surgery

This recognition reflects the dedication, professionalism and compassion shown by our reception team every single day. As the first point of contact for thousands of patients each year, they work tirelessly to ensure patients receive the right support, at the right time, from the right healthcare professional. Our reception team does far more than answer phones and welcome patients. They help patients navigate healthcare services, support the use of the NHS App, promote Pharmacy First services, assist carers and vulnerable patients, and play a key role in ensuring the smooth running of the practice.

What makes the team truly special is their commitment to both our patients and the wider community. Whether supporting charity events, taking part in fundraising activities, assisting with community initiatives or simply going the extra mile for someone who needs help, they bring kindness, professionalism and enthusiasm to everything they do. At Riversdale Surgery, we believe that a positive team culture helps create a positive patient experience. Our reception team demonstrates this every day through their resilience, teamwork, compassion and unwavering commitment to providing the very best service to our patients.

We would like to thank our patients, colleagues and partners for their continued support and congratulate all of the other shortlisted teams and individuals across Derbyshire.

Stubley Medical Centre

We care deeply about the service we provide, but we also believe it is important to enjoy our work and look after one another. Whether it is taking part in events together, including the Sparkle Walk and walking challenges, sharing celebrations, or being there for each other through life's challenges, we stay connected and remind ourselves that caring for each other helps us care for our patients.
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Fun fact – last year the team walked from Paris to Madrid 919 miles 2157424 steps in 2 weeks

Littlewick Medical Centre

Linzi and Niamh are our Senior Receptionists and have been in their roles for the past two years. Together, they oversee the reception team and help ensure the day-to-day running of reception goes as smoothly as possible. Linzi has worked in General Practice since 2019, with Niamh joining the world of General Practice in 2021. Both bring a wealth of experience, dedication, and plenty of personality to the team!

Fun facts: Linzi: Linzi loves karaoke and is always happy to grab the microphone and have a singalong! Niamh: Niamh loves to travel and her favourite destination is the Caribbean – sunshine, beaches, and a bit of relaxation!

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominees

Hazel Wright, Administrator
Peter Flann, GP Partner
Isobel Parkes, Senior Partner
Miles Davidson, GP
Gail Allsopp, GP in Derbyshire. Advocate for general practice. Associate Professor of primary care

Peter Flann, GP Partner

I qualified in 1994 at Sheffield. I Passed MRCGP in 1998. I then travelled and worked as a locum,in order to find the practice I wanted, until joining Avenue House Surgery in Chesterfield in November 1999.I have been a partner there since, for almost 27yrs. In that time, I have worked as a GP specialist in angina. As Clinical Director of ARC Primary Care, the Chesterfield GP provider company. I developed the company which is now a stable profitable business. I led the development of the Chesterfield and Dronfield PCN, now a leading PCN across Derbyshire. I was key instigator in the development of the AWT model, which is essential to GP practices and patient care. I ran and managed a very successful Covid vaccination service in Chesterfield. This was a leading centre across the country, recognised locally and by the House of Commons. It was responsible for over 400,000 vaccinations.

In practice, I work with a great team of staff, across all areas. Following a merger with Hasland Medical Practice, we now run across 2 sites, have almost 21,000 patients and 100 staff. We have developed and refined a large, leading, in practice pharmacy team to support clinicians and patients.

Fun fact - I worked as a head barman in a 4 star hotel in Eastbourne prior to medical school in 1989, where I learnt many skills to become a GP partner.

Miles Davidson, GP

qualified in Medicine in Sheffield in 1987 and spent my early career gaining experience in A&E, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and neonatal care. In April 1989, while working as an A&E Officer at Northern General Hospital, I was part of the frontline response to the Hillsborough disaster, providing emergency care both at the hospital and at the football ground. After a year working in New Zealand and travelling, I completed my GP training in Sheffield before joining a small practice in Dronfield in 1993. Over the next 31 years, I helped transform the practice, leading the development of Stubley Medical Centre and overcoming significant financial and operational challenges along the way.
I am particularly proud of the incredible team who helped build a thriving practice known for innovation and high-quality patient care. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we played a leading role in the local vaccination programme, and in 2022 we were ranked Derbyshire's top practice for patient satisfaction. In 2024, after 35 years in General Practice, I handed the practice to a new generation of partners and stepped back from full-time work. I still provide occasional clinical cover and look back on a career defined by resilience, teamwork, humour and a commitment to delivering the very best care for patients.

Fun Fact: My first locum GP session in 1989 was disrupted by a police hostage incident next door. I spent the morning drinking tea, seeing no patients, and was eventually escorted out by police with the advice: "Keep your head down!"

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Nominees

Maisie Peat, Practice Support Officer
Patience Young, Coding Team Leader
Ben Jones, Clinical Pharmacist Partner
Katie Bowman, GP Partner
Carolyn McCann, Deputy Manager

Future Leader Award

Maisie Peat, Practice Support Officer

I have worked in general practice for over 5 years now. I started out at Stubley during the pandemic coordinating the housebound Covid vaccinations for Chesterfield and Dronfield and my role progressed from there. I am now the practice support officer, and amongst other things I arrange the extended access for Dronfield, and I have a large role in our GP training programme that includes medical students all the way up to GPST3. I have been working 4 days a week at the practice alongside doing a BA (Honours) degree in Business Management and Economics for the past 4 years which I graduated from this summer. An interesting fact about me is that I love to dance and have progressed in ballet all the way up to performing en pointe and have appeared in many local shows.

Patience Young, Coding Team Leader

I'm the Documents and Coding Team Lead for Royal Primary Care. I have worked in General Practice for almost five years, starting my journey on reception in 2021. Over the years, I have developed valuable skills and knowledge that helped me progress into the Documents and Coding Team before becoming Team Lead. I am passionate about supporting patients and colleagues and take pride in contributing to a team that makes a positive difference every day.
Fun fact: My favourite season is Autumn, I love Halloween and I would celebrate Halloween instead of Christmas any day.

Katie Bowman, GP Partner

I'm Katie Bowman and I qualified as a GP through Chesterfield VTS in 2021, working initially as a salaried GP before becoming a GP Partner at Staffa Health in 2024. During my ST3 year, I supported our practice's care homes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, which helped develop my leadership skills and sparked a particular interest in frailty. I was subsequently appointed Clinical Lead for the Team Up service within our PCN and have enjoyed helping to grow Team Up into a valued and effective service for patients, care homes and practices across South Hardwick PCN. In 2025, I became a member of the Derby & Derbyshire LMC committee, where I enjoy the opportunity to learn from and connect with colleagues across primary care.

Fun fact: I'm going to do my first triathlon next year! (Well, I hadn't actually committed but in the absence of another 'fun fact' - I think I'm committed now!)

Ben Jones, Clinical Pharmacist Partner

I began working in primary care in December 2019 and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the work of Derbyshire General Practice.

Fun fact: I love gardening and Month Don is a personal hero.

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Nominees

Janine Patton, Develops and works on projects to benefit patients in Derby City Reception Team and Practice Manager
Gemma Baines, Patient Facing
Jayne Baker, Deputy Practice Manager
Debbie Allen, Clinical Services Manager
Julie Chaplin, Practice Manager

Leadership in Practice Award

Janine Patton, Develops and works on projects to benefit patients in Derby City Reception Team and Practice Manager

I have had the great opportunity of working in the NHS for over 20 years, developing a broad range of experience across primary care, operational leadership and service transformation within Derbyshire. My career has taken me from practice management and supporting roles in general practice to leading the innovative Team Up programme, where I worked alongside dedicated partners from health, social care and the voluntary sector to design more integrated and person-centred ways of supporting local communities and general practice. I currently provide management support within general practice, combining strategic thinking with a hands-on approach to improving services, supporting teams and helping them to meet their goals of providing the best patient experience.

The main key to my leadership style is a focus on collaboration. I believe that the best solutions come from bringing people together, creating a shared vision and giving individuals the confidence and support to contribute their ideas. Throughout my career I have had the privilege of being able to build strong relationships, empowering others to succeed and helping to create environments where people feel valued, listened to and able to perform at their best. My main passion is developing people and teams within primary care and then its further impact on the wider community. I help teams navigate change with empathy, whilst continuing to maintain a clear focus on improving care while supporting staff wellbeing.

Fun Fact: Outside of work, I enjoy spending time on my allotment, singing in a community choir and volunteering within my local community. Due to my travels, I can read Korean and speak fluent Dutch, which is incredibly useful if I ever find myself lost in Amsterdam with a Korean takeaway menu.

Gemma Baines, Patient Facing

I started my career in reception in 2010, progressing to Reception Supervisor, before moving into roles as Operations Manager, Quality & Development Manager and Practice Manager. In 2022, I was delighted to take the next step in my career and become a Partner at the practice.

Fun fact: When I was 14, I won a gold medal at the England Lifesaving Championships in the initiative section and placed 4th overall.

Jayne Baker, Deputy Practice Manager

I've worked in General Practice for over 22 years. I started my Geneal Practice career in Reception, where I spent 10 years, and quickly found myself getting involved in all aspects of practice life. I particularly enjoyed representing the reception team at meetings, contributing to discussions, and being involved in future planning and development. After 10 years in Reception, I was given the opportunity to apply for a role supporting the management team — and, as they say, the rest is history!
I'm incredibly passionate about General Practice and have seen many changes and challenges over the past two decades. Despite the ever-changing landscape, I'm proud to say that, alongside the fantastic team here at Arthur Medical Centre and our wonderful colleagues at Belper PCN, we continue to work together, support one another and somehow manage to "pull it out of the bag!" Outside of work, I love spending time with my family and enjoy having adventures, whether that's exploring somewhere new abroad or heading off in my camper van. Since 2020, I've also discovered a real love of running and enjoy getting out with my local running group. It's a great way to keep active, meet people and, most importantly, have fun!
Fun fact !! I love frogs, am trained to do massage, and can steer a full-size steam roller

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Leadership in Practice Award

Debbie Allen, Clinical Services Manager

have been working in General Practice since 2004. I started out as a General Practice Nurse and then spent 8 years as a nurse manager. In 2020, I was delighted to be invited to join the Derbyshire Training Hub as a board member. This opportunity sparked my enthusiasm for leadership, management, and making a meaningful difference in primary care. I feel very grateful to have taken on a role at Belper PCN three years ago, initially as Clinical Quality Lead and more recently as Clinical Services Manager. In this position, I oversee all the services we proudly deliver at Belper PCN, including Team Up and Enhanced Access. I truly believe that a team is only as good as its members, and I'm fortunate to work with an amazing team. My Clinical Directors are incredibly supportive, and the colleagues at member practices collaborate beautifully within the PCN. I am genuinely passionate about helping people grow in their roles and providing meaningful opportunities. I am always eager to hear new ideas on how we can improve healthcare for our community and strengthen the work we do in the wider community and neighbourhood.

Fun fact about me: I can sing like a Munchkin out of The Wizard of Oz – small voice, big enthusiasm!

Julie Chaplin, Practice Manager

This is my 17th year as Practice Manager at Stubley, and having such a great team continues to make the role a joy. My leadership style has always been rooted in a "come on team, we can do it" attitude. Although we are a small practice, we are pragmatic and influential. One of my proudest achievements was leading Stubley and supporting our PCN to become one of the first sites to deliver COVID vaccinations. I hope I have been a strong voice and advocate for general practice through my involvement in numerous steering groups, delivering training and support to new PM's and serving as an invited committee member of Derby & Derbyshire LMC for the past five years — a role I genuinely enjoy. It is difficult to sum up 17 years in one short paragraph, but despite the highs, lows, and everything in between, I would absolutely do it all again.

Fun Facts – I was Miss England for 21 years until I got married, and I am a grade 6 trumpet player

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Nominees

Joanne Waplington, Receptionist
Horizon Healthcare Team, Derby City North
Amy Armiger, ACP/Lead Nurse / Advanced Clinical Practitioner
Flourish Project, Erewash
Lynn Elliott, Community Nurse

Community Impact Award

Amy Armiger, ACP/Lead Nurse / Advanced Clinical Practitioner

I am an Advanced Clinical Practitioner and Nurse Manager at Appletree Medical Practice, Belper PCN Lead for Health Inequalities and Learning Disabilities, and Programme Lead for Women's Health Champions. I have over nine years of experience working in primary care and am passionate about improving access to health information, reducing health inequalities, and making healthcare more accessible, inclusive and empowering for underserved communities.
Alongside my clinical role, I am actively involved in community initiatives through Belper Community Unite, support NHS colleagues with menopause education and advice, and enjoy delivering health education sessions to both community groups and healthcare professionals. I am proud to be a Queen's Nurse and Trailblazer Fellow, with my work to improve health literacy and reduce inequalities, which I also won First Prize at the British Menopause Society National Scientific Poster Competition for my work.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, taking part in book club (Appletreaders) , singing with my community choir (Kitchen Chorus), and a play a cleric in my Dungeons & Dragons group.

Lynn Elliott, Community Nurse

My name is Lynn Elliott, and I am the community Sister caring for the housebound and frail patients at Stubley Medical Centre. Our practice and my aim is for my role to have positive impact on the lives of my patients and their families, ensure adequate access to services, reduce health inequalities and improve care coordination.

I have worked in general practice since the start of Covid when i returned to Nursing following a short retirement! I had previously managed the Neonatal Unit. I began my community career change initially as a covid vaccine nurse visiting housebound patients and care home patients throughout Derbyshire, I realised that I had many transferable skills when it came to communication, team work and delegation and loved my work with the elderly and housebound, on occasion I would be the only person they may see that day so when the opportunity to work more closely with these patients at Stubley Medical Centre Dronfield I began a new chapter in my career working closely with the MDT in order to identify assess and manage our patients in order to optimise their quality of life, reduce avoidable hospital admissions and support patients and their families in planning future care needs.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work you could say "From Cradle to Grave" in a NHS career spanning 46years.

Fun Fact: Weekends will find me on Saturday mornings at Park Run venues all over the UK where i will attempt the run a little faster, socialise with my running family or volunteer. Park Run is such an inclusive event and I would recommend it to anyone.

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PCN of the Year Award

Nominees

Erewash PCN
Greater Derby PCN
Chesterfield & Dronfield PCN
South Hardwick PCN
Belper PCN

Belper PCN

Belper Primary Care Network goes above and beyond traditional healthcare, bringing together patients, practices, and the wider community through innovative and engaging health initiatives. From pioneering Menopause Group Consultations to delivering Ageing Well community events, the team is passionate about empowering people to take an active role in their health and wellbeing.

Fun fact: The team can coordinate multiple services, organise clinics, and manage complex projects... but on a Friday, with the PCN Office being across the road from a delicious chippy, the most important decision is usually chips, curry sauce, or mushy peas!

South Hardwick PCN

South Hardwick PCN continued to strengthen its position as a mature and progressive Primary Care Network, with a strong focus on delivering services at scale and ensuring equity of access and service provision across its entire footprint. The PCN has worked collaboratively across member practices to reduce unwarranted variation, improve consistency of care, and ensure patients can benefit from high-quality services regardless of where they are registered within the network.

The PCN has received highly positive patient feedback, gained recognition from Derby and Derbyshire ICB for the significant progress made across the network, and continues to play a key leadership role in the development of neighbourhood health and care models through strong partnerships with community, public health and system colleagues.

Chesterfield & Dronfield PCN

Chesterfield & Dronfield 80 PCN staff, along with 10 GP practices, who collectively have demonstrated years of forward-thinking commitment and dedication to improving care and services for our local population. Through embedding a culture of partnership working the PCN has significantly expanded services for older people, housebound patients, individuals with learning disabilities, and those with complex needs, while simultaneously becoming a leading research-active network as well as strengthening community connections through innovative social prescribing initiatives.

The achievements of the PCN are not the result of one team or one project, but of an entire network working together with a shared vision to improve the health and wellbeing of its communities. Over the past 6 years, the PCN has experienced exceptional recruitment drives, with the current staff count at 89. This considerable growth has enabled the PCN to develop and implement a strong core team. This teams sits at the heart of the many services and workstreams that are delivered and is integral to the successful performance of the PCN.

Erewash PCN

I have worked in general practice for the past eight years, having come from a community nursing background, and have had the privilege of being Lead Nurse for the last two years. Although this nomination may have my name attached to it, I truly feel that everything we have achieved has been a team effort. I am incredibly lucky to work alongside such a fantastic nursing team. Each person brings something different, and together we have created a team that supports, encourages and looks out for one another.This has been a particularly tough year for us, with plenty of challenges along the way, but we have faced them together. We have picked each other up on the difficult days, celebrated the good days and, perhaps most importantly, had plenty of laughs along the way! Our sense of humour has got us through more than a few challenging moments.
I am so proud of the team we are. We are also very lucky to be part of such a great surgery, with so many people across the wider team who support us and make it a lovely place to work.

For me, this nomination is really a reflection of what we have achieved together. I feel incredibly fortunate to work with such a great group of people, and I'm very proud to be part of our team.

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Unsung Hero Award

Nominees

Sara-Louise Smith, Practice Nurse
Dr Edmund Jones, GP
Tove Cecilia Lindgren, Management Support Officer
Graham Jarvis, Delivery Driver
Joanne Gordon, Practice Manager

Graham Jarvis, Delivery Driver

My name is Graham Jarvis, I have worked at Baslow Health Centre for over 10 years providing numerous services including delivery of medication, transport of blood to the local hospital, cleaning and general maintenance. A fun fact is at age 7 (in the late 60s) I sat on the famous Scottish singer Lulu's knee and she sang to me at Batley Variety Club

Sara-Louise Smith, Practice Nurse

My name is Sara-Louise, better known as Sara or Sara-Lou. I have been a Nurse for 18years, and trained in both Adult and Paediatric nursing, I have been a Practice Nurse for 8 years. I began my career as a trainee practice nurse completing the demonfort university practice nurse programme back in 2018 whilst planning a wedding (I wouldn't recommend that) since then I have worked myself up to become a general practice nurse manager and completed my NMP back in 2024, I love all aspects of general practice nursing and the variety it brings every day, no two days are ever the same.
Fun fact about me- is I LOVE LOVE LOVE… Penguins literally obsessed with penguins and I am petrified of sheep- yes sheep (please don't laugh)- most people do though)

Tove Cecilia Lindgren, Management Support Officer

I have worked in General Practice at Mickleover Medical Centre for the past 10 years, following a long and varied career within Local Authority services. I joined the practice as a Management Support Officer (MSO), providing administrative and operational support to the Leadership Team.My journey from Management Support Officer to Deputy Safeguarding Lead has given me a unique combination of administrative, organisational and safeguarding experience. More importantly, it has reinforced my belief that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that, by working collaboratively, proactively and always being professionally curious, we can make a genuine difference to the lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults in Mickleover.

When I left school at the age of 16 (having grown up in Sweden, where children start school at the age of seven), I was not entirely sure what career I wanted to pursue as not particularly academically minded, I was keen to explore my options and decided to attend college to qualify as a butcher.

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Nominees

Park Farm Medical Centre, Nursing Team
Dronfield Medical Practice, Whole Practice Team
Derwent Valley Medical Practice, Reception Team and Practice Manager Gemma Baines
Chesterfield and Dronfield, Ageing Well Team, Home Visiting Service
Stubley Medical Centre Practice Team, General Practice Team

Practice Team Award

Stubley Medical Centre Practice Team, General Practice Team

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Derwent Valley Medical Practice, Reception Team and Practice Manager Gemma Baines

What makes this team special is not just what they do, but how they do it. They genuinely care about one another and have built a supportive culture that feels more like a family than a team. They celebrate successes together, help each other through challenges, and always step in when a colleague needs support. Whether supporting patients through difficult situations, adapting to new ways of working, or managing the demands of a busy day, they face every challenge with professionalism, kindness and a healthy sense of humour. Their strong team spirit and shared commitment to helping others make a positive difference to both patients and colleagues every day.

When they're not busy helping patients, the Reception Team enjoys socialising together and getting involved in fundraising activities. They have taken part in a number of practice events supporting dementia and cancer charities, including cycling and walking challenges. Every year, the team also supports local community initiatives such as food banks and Christmas appeal projects, helping to provide advent calendars, gifts and festive treats for local children and families in need. Whether raising funds, supporting a good cause or spending time together outside of work, the team is always keen to make a positive difference both within the practice and the wider community.

Dronfield Medical Practice, Whole Practice Team

One of the things that we are most proud of at DMP is our flat hierarchy and 'work family ethos'. Everyone plays their part in our success, and no one person is more important than anyone else. Having a close-knit supportive team, who have each other's backs, makes our general practice more resilient, happier, and that bit better able to care for our patients.

A fun fact - for the last two years we have held a team based 'race across the world' competition which has had three teams battling against each other counting collective steps to get us from one place to another in the world. This year we walked from Dronfield to Venice and collectively walked over 6 million of steps in just over a fortnight.

Chesterfield & Dronfield, Ageing Well Team, Home Visiting Service

Chesterfield & Dronfield 80 PCN staff, along with 10 GP practices, who collectively have demonstrated years of forward-thinking commitment and dedication to improving care and services for our local population.
Through embedding a culture of partnership working the PCN has significantly expanded services for older people, housebound patients, individuals with learning disabilities, and those with complex needs, while simultaneously becoming a leading research-active network as well as strengthening community connections through innovative social prescribing initiatives.

The achievements of the PCN are not the result of one team or one project, but of an entire network working together with a shared vision to improve the health and wellbeing of its communities. Over the past 6 years, the PCN has experienced exceptional recruitment drives, with the current staff count at 89. This considerable growth has enabled the PCN to develop and implement a strong core team. This teams sits at the heart of the many services and workstreams that are delivered and is integral to the successful performance of the PCN.