

**National Ambulance
LGBT Network**



Gold Star of Life Awards 2019

Recognising the achievements
of people supporting the
development of LGBT Networks

Supporting Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual, Trans staff,
patients and communities

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Introduction



We held the first gold star of life awards at our conference in 2018 as a way of saying thank you to all the people who have helped to get the National Ambulance LGBT Network established.

Although we managed to present most of the awards at the conference itself, some other people took some catching up with. We were still catching up with some people at Pride events over the summer, as our photos here show!

Saying thank you to staff is a wonderful thing to do, particularly when people have put themselves forward to help progress the LGBT and diversity agendas within our ambulance services.

Enjoy having a look at this years nominees and don't forget to get your nominations in next year.

Alistair and Kirsten



Three Categories of Award



The three award categories will be:



People that have made an exceptional contribution to LGBT Staff Networks



People who have supported the development of the National Network



Inspirational people who are recognised for supporting the LGBT cause

Each person would be awarded a pin badge and certificate stating why they have been nominated. It is suggested this would be done annually.



Exceptional Contribution to Staff Networks



Emma Burrow North East Ambulance Service

Citation:

Emma has been a huge asset to the Proud@NEAS group and to the Trust. Her passion, enthusiasm and commitment has been evident for all to see and she has given up a huge amount of her own time to support the Trusts commitment to LGBT equality and ensure that the staff network remained strong and present.



Stephen Harrison North East Ambulance Service

Citation:

Stephen takes great pride in his work, is passionate, enthusiastic and an inspiration with the support he continues to give to the LGBT cause. He devotes a lot of his own time to supporting not just local LGBT events but also around the country.



Stephen's award was
collected by Mark
Johns



Exceptional Contribution to Staff Networks



Jack McIntyre Scottish Ambulance Service

Citation:

Jack has stood up to the new role of Vice Chair in Scottish Ambulance Service, he promotes the SAS Network and the National Network. He is currently promoting pride events through the SAS Facebook page which he manages for SAS.



Ben Mudd East of England Ambulance Service

Citation:

Ben was instrumental in getting the WeAreEEAST LGBT Network off the ground, and his continued support has helped the Network to grow.



Ben's award was
collected by Anna
Price



Exceptional Contribution to Staff Networks



Delia Reilly South Central Ambulance Service

Citation:

Delia joined the LGBT Network as our Trans Advisor, she has been instrumental in bringing together our Trans Guidance. She always takes the time to support staff working within SCAS with her open and supportive approach, she's a real asset to the team, with immense knowledge and experience.



James 'JP' Pearson South Western Ambulance Service

Citation:

James has tried supporting all of the Pride events in our patch, which as you know is a large part of the country. He has spent a lot of his own free time to organise attending these events, driving the Pride ambulance, coordinating colleagues and booking pool cars. He has attended some of these events on his own meaning he has had no support from anyone when going to these celebrations.

There is no photograph available for James' presentation.



Exceptional Contribution to Staff Networks



Michael Ryan South Central Ambulance Service

Citation:

Michael's pride and passion for the LGBT community is evident in everything he does. He was instrumental in engaging a new Pride event in Milton Keynes, ensuring the important message of inclusivity for all was clear, with his very engaging and enthusiastic manner.



Michael's award was
collected by Natasha
Dymond

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all the people who nominated people for gold star of life awards in 2019. Nominations for the 2020 awards will open around January 2020.

Thank to Jason Killens (seen here in the photographs), Chief Executive of Welsh Ambulance Service and Diversity Lead for the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, for helping to present the awards.

The gold star of life awards were presented at the National Ambulance LGBT Network Conference 2019 at the Tally Ho Conference Centre in Birmingham on 10 October 2019.

An additional thank you to Peter Cripps for capturing photos of all the presentations.



Supporting the Development of the Network



Shane Finnegan East of England Ambulance Service

Citation:

Shane joined the NALGBT Network Committee and quickly demonstrated his enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to developing the EEAS LGBT Network, a real ambassador worthy of recognition.



Jim Graves East of England Ambulance Service

Citation:

Since joining the NALGBT Network, Jim has worked hard to ensure his passion, experience and knowledge are also delivered back in EEAS. His motivation is palpable and he is very deserving of this recognition.



Supporting the Development of the Network



Louis Parsons South East Coast Ambulance Service

Citation:

Louis has done a fantastic job of creating a new look for our conference and refreshing our graphic design elements. All this at very short notice and with meticulous attention to detail.



Grainne Slavin Formerly Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Citation:

Grainne was responsible for creating the original graphic design for the Network... the pixels! She has recently joined forces with us again and has been developing the next generation of design for the future.

There is no photograph available for Grainne's presentation.



Inspirational People



Stephanie Chadwick North West Ambulance Service

Citation:

Steph has been instrumental in allowing the NWS LGBT Network to grow and flourish, it is no exaggeration that without her support the network would not be where it is today, on course to grow and do some great things.



Jamie Conway North East Ambulance Service

Citation:

Jamie's passion, commitment and contribution to the network and LGBT cause is exceptional and truly inspirational. Jamie is constantly striving for equality, diversity and inclusion. Without her support as an ally the network would not have as much drive and activity as it does with her input.



Inspirational People



Michael Forrest North West Ambulance Service

Citation:

We'd like to say a huge thank you for supporting us with our 2018 conference. The help, guidance and support you offered to the event, was very much appreciated & the local engagement was outstanding.



Jamie Lawrence South East Coast Ambulance Service

Citation:

Jamie as a Resource Dispatcher appropriately challenged behaviours when rainbow flags were taken down in his local operating area. He spent considerable time talking to staff in his area to explain why this was important, and about recognising privilege and inequality, and as a result changed mind-sets.



Jamie's award was
collected by Tony
Faraway



Inspirational People



Tracy Nicholls East of England Ambulance Service

Citation:

Tracy has been a huge supporter of the LGBT community both through her work at the College of Paramedics and in the Trust championing the need for equality.



Sue Noyes Formerly East Midlands Ambulance Service (Currently The Ambulance Staff Charity)

Citation:

Sue started the ball rolling to create the National Network in Brighton back in 2015. Without her support, we might not be where we are today.





Congratulations
to all our
Gold Star of Life
recipients for 2019

