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GHA TO RECOGNISE STAFF AT AWARDS CEREMONY

The GHA is holding its first annual Staff Awards Ceremony at the John Mackintosh Hall on Wednesday 17th January 2007. It is anticipated that up to 90 GHA staff and their families will attend the ceremony to receive awards for their long service with the GHA. In addition, there will be five special awards given to GHA staff to recognise individual and team excellence in 2006.

These awards have been the subject of nominations from patients, relatives, carers and GHA staff and are in the following categories:

- GHA Patient Care Award
- GHA Ward/Department of the Year
- GHA Innovation Award
- GHA Award
- GHA Employee of the Year

A specially convened Staff Awards Committee have had the difficult task of selecting the winners of these awards. The Awards Committee was made up of volunteers from all the main professional groups in the GHA as well as staff from all levels of the organisation. The names of the award winners will be revealed at the ceremony.

The Hon Ernest Britto is very impressed with the very high level of public support for the programme. Speaking yesterday he said:

"These awards are about celebrating and recognising all the good things that go on every day, 365 days a year in the GHA and which too frequently go unrecognised. We are enormously proud of our staff – we never take their dedication, professionalism and caring approach for granted and this ceremony is our way of saying thank-you to some of our key staff for their contribution to the local community in some cases for over the last 40 years."

He added: "I have been particularly impressed with the way patients, relatives and carers have embraced these awards through the level of nominations we

have received from them for the individual awards. These awards genuinely represent both our community's thanks and the GHA's gratitude to these staff for the excellence of their work."

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank GB Airways and Alfred Swantex and all our sponsors for their support for these awards. These organisations have donated very generous prizes for the individual awards. Their generosity has raised the profile of the awards and enhanced the value of whole programme in a significant and meaningful way".