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GHA TO RECOGNISE STAFF AT AWARDS CEREMONY

The GHA is holding its third annual Staff Awards Ceremony at the John Mackintosh Hall on Tuesday 27th January 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

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 in recognition of outstanding individual and team performance in 2008.

These awards have been the subject of nominations from patients, relatives or carers of patients, 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 has had the difficult task of selecting this year's winners. The Awards Committee was made up of staff volunteers from the majority of the main professional groups in the GHA with a cross-section of grades being represented. The names of the award winners will be revealed at tomorrow's ceremony.

Minister for Health and GHA Chairwoman, Yvette Del Agua, who will be presenting the awards, has said:

"This year, after being in post for 15 months, I am in an even better position to assess, judge and consequently appreciate the enormous effort that is required, on the part of both Management and Staff, to deliver the many and varied health services that the GHA provides to a community of our size. The GHA has this past year once again demonstrated that it can work very efficiently as a team, meeting head-on the challenges that present themselves from time to time."

The GHA wishes to thank Blands Travel, Alfred Swantex, Attias & Levy, Bentley Property Services Ltd and Gibmaroc Ltd for donating the prizes for the individual

awards. Their generosity has served to raise the profile of the awards and to enhance the value of the whole programme in a significant and meaningful way.