



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **THE GHA's 6<sup>th</sup> STAFF AWARDS CEREMONY**

The GHA is holding its 6th Staff Awards Ceremony at the John Mackintosh Hall, on Thursday 2nd May 2013 at 6.00 pm.

GHA staff and their families will attend the ceremony to receive awards for their long service with the GHA. In addition there will be eight special awards given to GHA staff in recognition of outstanding individual and team performance in 2012.

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 Support Services Employee of the Year – Behind the Scenes
- GHA Support Services Employee of the Year - Frontline
- GHA Nursing Assistant/Auxiliary Nurse of the Year
- GHA Qualified Nurse of the Year
- GHA Allied Health Professional/Healthcare Scientist of the Year
- GHA Ward/Department of the Year
- GHA Doctor/Dentist of the Year
- GHA Employee of the Year

The GHA Staff Awards programme has gathered momentum each year it has been held and this year was no exception with a record breaking 120 individual nominations received relating to 58 GHA staff members or departments.

A specially convened Staff Awards Committee has had the difficult task of selecting this year's winners. The Awards Committee is made up of staff volunteers from the majority of the main professional groups in the GHA with a cross-section of grades and staff from all levels of the organisation being

represented. The names of the award winners will be revealed at the ceremony.

The Minister for Health and GHA Chairman, The Hon. Dr John Cortes, who will be presenting the awards, said:

“I am very pleased to have this opportunity, for the first time, to congratulate all the recipients of certificates this year. Those achieving long service certificates for 25 or more years will in fact have been colleagues of mine when I worked at the old St. Bernard’s over 20 years ago. What an achievement to have dedicated virtually all their working lives to serving the community through the health service.

“Well done too to those selected by the Staff Awards Committee for the individual and team awards this year. Their hard work and service to our users is appreciated by all.

And we will not forget all those hundreds of staff who are not recipients of awards at the ceremony but whose dedication is equally important as we all work together in taking our health services forward deeper into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.

The GHA also wishes to acknowledge a public debt of gratitude to A Soulie Audibert, Isolais, Restsso, Bentley Property Services Ltd and Gibmaroc Ltd for donating the prizes for the individual awards. Their generosity continues to raise the profile of these awards and to enhance the value of the whole programme.