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THE GHA's 7th STAFF AWARDS CEREMONY

The GHA is holding its 7th annual Staff Awards Ceremony at the John Mackintosh Hall on Thursday 6th November 2014 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 nine special awards given to GHA staff in recognition of outstanding individual and team performance in 2013/14.

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 Qualified Nurse of the Year
- GHA Nursing Assistant/Auxiliary Nurse of the Year
- GHA Doctor/Dentist of the Year
- GHA Allied Health Professional of the Year
- Innovation Award of the Year
- GHA Support Services Employee of the Year - Frontline
- GHA Support Services Employee of the Year – Behind the Scenes
- GHA Ward/Department of the Year
- 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 and staff from all levels of the organisation being represented. The names of the award winners will be revealed at the ceremony.

Minister for Health and GHA Chairperson, John Cortes, who will be presenting the awards, said:



The GHA's Staff Awards Ceremony is fast becoming an important date in the GHA's social calendar, and rightly so! It affords the GHA a rare opportunity to give recognition and reward to members of staff for their many years of service to the Health Authority. It also allows us to pay special tribute to nine employees or teams whose contribution has been outstanding or exemplary in one way or another.

The beauty of the nine special award categories is that the source of the nominations is wide and varied. I am delighted to report that this year we have had an unprecedented number of nominations with a total of 106 nominations received relating to 63 staff. The successful nominees can be proud of and will derive great satisfaction from the fact that they have been nominated not only by their peers, but also by their patients and the relatives or carers of their patients. The delivery of patient care can sometimes be a thankless task but being singled out for special recognition by those you have committed your life to caring for and serving can be the most rewarding of experiences.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the recipients of the long-service awards, the winners of the nine special awards, whose names will be revealed at the ceremony and the 63 staff across all disciplines who were nominated and all those who will be participating in or supporting this worthy event in any way.

The GHA also wishes to acknowledge a public debt of gratitude to Bentley Property Services Ltd, Restsso Trading Co Ltd, Saccone & Speed (Gibraltar) Ltd, The Beacon Press, Bianca's Restaurant, Kowloon Restaurant, Latino's Restaurant, Casa Pepe Restaurant, Café Solo Restaurant, La Parilla Restaurant, Bruno's Restaurant 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.