

Media Information

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Celebrating success

Four members of NHS Borders staff have successfully completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Frontline Leadership and Management.

The programme was developed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) in conjunction with De Montfort University and UHI Millennium Institute to give frontline NHS staff the opportunity to develop leadership skills.

Louise Hamilton-Welsh, Director of Workforce for NHS Borders said, "Congratulations to Claire, Lyn, Caroline and Julie. Their success is excellent news for NHS Borders. The skills this gives them will help them to develop their services as well as their own careers."

As a small health board, it is important to us that our staff have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills. It builds capacity within the organisation and leads to improvements in our local services as well as enhancing the job satisfaction of those involved."

Julie Roberts, one of the successful students said, "I enjoyed developing and underpinning my existing knowledge of management and leadership, and understanding this in the context of the NHS. It has already been extremely useful in my role as I am regularly delivering this type of training and development and supporting others in this area. The studying was very hard whilst working full time however very worthwhile and I hope that it will be able to help me further my career in the future."

Lyn Morgan Hastie added, "It was an excellent learning opportunity which has really changed my working practices."

The successful graduates are:

Claire Griffiths, Assistant Operational Manager-Unscheduled Care

Caroline Reid, Long Term Conditions Collaborative Information Analyst

Lyn Morgan Hastie, Allied Health Professionals Manager, Learning Disability Service (Distinction award)

Julie Roberts, Corporate Business Training Officer

(Photograph below shows (left to right) Lynette, Julia and Caroline on graduation day).



In addition 17 Healthcare Support Workers from NHS Borders received their certificate for their SVQ in Health and Social Care at a ceremony at the Dryburgh Hotel. The SVQ programme has been undertaken at level 2 & 3 which is equivalent to standard grade and higher level qualifications. The course covers health & safety, communication, protection of individuals, developing knowledge and practice, and further units are covered which are relevant to the individual's workplace.

The successful candidates for the SVQ Level 2 were:

Alexandria Douglas, BGH Ward 16
Karen Davies, Huntlyburn House
Michael McFadzen, Huntlyburn House
Susan McCall, Knoll Hospital

The successful candidates for the SVQ Level 3 (Adults) were:

Michelle Brown, BGH ITU
Jacqueline Toolan, BGH Ward 14
Margaret Lees, BGH Ward 9
Helen Nelson, BGH – Ward 9
Jason Triebel, Huntlyburn House
Stephen Callow, Huntlyburn House
Louise Stewart, Haylodge Hospital
Elizabeth Hutchison, Huntlyburn House
Tanya Greig, Hawick Community Hospital
Joan Fleming, Haylodge Hospital
Gillian Jackson, Kelso Hospital
Norma Lugget, Knoll Hospital
Karen Miller, Knoll Hospital

(Photograph below shows Jill Helps, SVQ Co-ordinator with candidates Stephen Callow, Margaret Nelson, Helen Lees, Michelle Brownlee, Lorraine Edgar, Tanya Grieg and Jacquie Toolan)



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Notes to Editors:

See accompanying release from NHS Education for Scotland for further details of the programme at <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/documents/publications/classk/FLM2010MediaReleaseFinal.pdf>

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