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### **Gibraltar Health Authority's School of Health Studies: Health and Social Care Awards**

Twenty four members of staff received awards at the Health and Social Care Awards ceremony which took place at the Rock Hotel on Thursday. The awards related to training and education undertaken in Gibraltar and were the awards are the culmination of hard work, dedication and commitment.

The demands of study have been challenging, with students having had to produce a portfolio of evidence showing that they have achieved the requisite standards laid before them, as well as having to demonstrate that they have mastered a range of clinical skills within contemporary and demanding health and social care settings. These achievements are quality assured externally by Pearson/Edexcel, an external international education and training body, as well as being subject to external scrutiny of the Enrolled Nurse Programme by Mrs Karen Wild, UK external advisor to the programme. Mrs Wild commented how impressed she was with the strength of support provided by the clinical nursing team who had direct involvement with the practice assessments. She said there was a real sense of high profile nursing staff truly engaging with the pupils in a positive and supportive way. The programme, she added, is challenging, robust and innovative and, above all, it remains fit for purpose.

Seventeen staff members received a conjoined award, comprising Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) Level 3 in Health and Social Care, as well their Enrolled Nurse Hospital Badges. Following the GSLP/Liberal's re-introduction of training for Enrolled Nurses after an absence of many years, the GHA have been unwavering in its pledge to this training, offering Nursing Assistants an opportunity to further progress in their careers. Other awards are also providing career progression opportunities; including continuing personal and professional development from a variety of professional perspectives.

Dr Ron Coram, Principal of the GHA's School of Health Studies said how delighted he was to see this number of staff receiving these awards, testament he said, to their hard work and dedication as each member of staff strives to make a difference to the life of each patient they care for.

Professor Ian Peate, Head of the School of Health Studies, noted: "The awards presented today not

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only recognise the efforts staff have put into their studies, it also demonstrates a commitment to provide care of a high quality, that is not only patient centred, but is also safe and effective, offered to service users who come from different backgrounds”.

A variety of vocational awards were presented at the ceremony, including Certificates of Achievement. Mrs Janet Lane, Senior Nurse Tutor commented: “These awards mark both the academic and practice progression of staff employed within various areas. This event highlights, as have others in the past, the accomplishments of our Nursing Assistants, Enrolled Nurses and Practice Assessors”.

The Minister for Health, Care and Justice, the Honourable Neil F. Costa MP added: “The achievements being celebrated are significant and are testament to the GHA’s commitment to providing vocational studies. Today, we have focused on the students who are receiving their awards, reflecting on the determination and dedication that they have put into their studies. Family, friends and staff present today, will feel truly proud to see our students receive these deserved awards. They have been required to study at the same time as they have been working, in order to achieve such magnificent outcomes. This has required admirable sacrifices and stamina. I am very proud of all of our students, and I am indeed delighted with those who are now fully prepared and ready to excel in the work that they do. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the award recipients my sincere congratulations and best wishes.”