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### **Long Service Awards May 2014**

Staff at The Dudley Group invited to attend their Long Service Awards Ceremony have notched up a total of 650 years' service between them.

The celebrations shone the spotlight on staff who have reached key milestones in their years of service for the Trust, ranging from 15 to 40 years.

They were presented with a certificate and badge by Chief Executive Paula Clark and Chairman John Edwards. Those who attended were also treated to a celebratory tea and a slice of Long Service cake made especially for the event.

Welcoming staff and their guests to the event, Chief Executive Paula Clark said, "The people we are celebrating today have dedicated so much of their working lives to being an invaluable part of the Dudley community and deserve the utmost respect and recognition for their commitment."

Chairman John Edwards told staff, "I'd like to thank you all for your dedication and contribution to The Dudley Group, not only on behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, but also on behalf of the thousands of patients who come through our doors that you all work so hard to care for."

Susan Morris, Community Midwife for the Trust, said, "Being a midwife is such a rewarding job because you make such a difference to peoples' lives. You have women coming over to you in the streets years later to say 'you delivered my child 15 years ago' – mothers never forget their midwife!"

Elizabeth Lilley, Community Staff Nurse who celebrated 40 years of continuous service at the Trust, said, "I feel like it's a real achievement to have had such a successful and varied nursing career and I'm proud to say that I've made a difference through my work."

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