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## Who is your local health hero?

Do you know someone working in the NHS or the health and social care partnerships in East, North and South Ayrshire, who has gone the extra mile to help you? It could be someone who works in a hospital ward or behind a desk; it could be a clinician or a volunteer.

Now local people – and other NHS and partnership staff - have the chance to recognise the contribution of health workers and volunteers through the Ayrshire Achieves 2017 awards scheme.

Ayrshire Achieves, funded by NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Charity Fund, is a staff recognition scheme which applauds excellence and innovation, demonstrates continuous improvement in the quality of care and celebrates exceptional achievements during the year.

John Burns, Chief Executive – NHS Ayrshire & Arran, explains: "Last year's award scheme was a great success, with nominations from across the NHS and health and social care partnerships.

"We want to build on this success, and hope that even more members of the public and staff nominate their health hero.

"We want to hear about the many wonderful people, projects and plans that recognise the purpose, values and commitments of our organisation."

There are nine award categories this year:

- Building relationships
- Caring for people - incorporating the Isabella Kimmett Compassionate Care Award
- Caring for our staff
- Light bulb moments - creativity and innovation
- Behind the scenes
- Leading by example

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- Rising star
- Volunteer of the year
- Team of the year

Members of the public, employees of NHS Ayrshire & Arran and partner organisations can all nominate an individual or team employed by NHS Ayrshire & Arran or the three health and social care partnerships for an award. You can also nominate a volunteer, voluntary group or charity for the volunteer's award.

Mr Burns adds: "Every day we hear of examples of our dedicated staff going the extra mile. They don't do this in anticipation of awards, but because they are committed to providing safe, high quality care. This is an opportunity, however, for their colleagues and members of the public to say, 'We noticed!' So if you know of someone who deserves to be recognised, we would be delighted to hear from you."

For a nomination form:

- Telephone free to 0800 169 1441
- Write free to Ayrshire Achieves, Communications Department, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, FREEPOST RRZ-TYRA-LGCT, Eglinton House, Ailsa Hospital, Dalmellington Road, Ayr KA6 6AB
- Email [AyrshireAchieves@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:AyrshireAchieves@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)
- Visit our website [www.nhsaaa.net](http://www.nhsaaa.net) and click on the Ayrshire Achieves button on the home page.

The closing date for nominations is **Friday 19 May 2017**.

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