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## Still time to nominate your local health hero - Deadline extended!

There is still time for you to nominate your local hero, as the deadline for entries to Ayrshire Achieves has been extended to **Friday 26 May 2017**.

Ayrshire Achieves, funded by NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Charity Fund, gives you the chance to recognise the positive contribution of health workers and volunteers to the NHS. The awards aim to celebrate success, applaud excellence and innovation, and demonstrate continuous improvement in the quality of care.

Stewart Donnelly, Employee Director – Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board, explains: "We've already received some wonderful entries recognising the many fantastic people, projects and plans that demonstrate the purpose, values and commitments of our organisation.

"We want to give even more people the chance to nominate their health hero, and so we have extended the deadline by another week."

Any member of the public, employee of NHS Ayrshire & Arran and partner organisations can nominate an individual or team employed by NHS Ayrshire & Arran for an award. You can also nominate a volunteer, voluntary group or charity for the volunteer's award.

There are nine award categories this year:

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

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- Volunteer of the year
- Team of the year

Stewart 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 for their colleagues and members of the public to say, ‘We noticed!’

“So if you know of someone who deserves to be recognised, we want 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 Ayrshire Achieves.

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