Ayrshire pupils are top class

Keen fourth, fifth and sixth year pupils from 10 secondary schools from all over Ayrshire took the opportunity to find out more about careers in the NHS at a special ‘Awareness Day’ at University Hospital Crosshouse on Monday 23 November 2015.

The event is one of several initiatives and programmes through which NHS Ayrshire & Arran supports local schools.

In total, 100 pupils attended the event, while a further 12 schools sent 120 pupils to a similar event at University Hospital Ayr on Thursday 24 September 2015.

Staff from a wide range of departments were on hand to talk about the work they do, including:

- Addiction services;
- Allied Health Professions;
- Catering services;
- Domestic services;
- Healthcare science;
- Medicine;
- Nursing;
- Dentistry;
- Pharmacy; and
- Psychology.

The pupils took part in interactive information sessions and competed in an Inter-Schools Challenge.
Garnock Academy emerged victorious at the end of the morning session and their trophy was presented by Sandra Murphy, Employability Advisor, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, while Grange Academy took the title in the afternoon and their trophy was presented by Kirsty Darwent, Vice-Chair NHS Ayrshire and Arran Board. Both trophy’s were donated by Balfour Beatty.

Sandra Murphy, Employability Advisor, NHS Ayrshire and Arran commented: “I would like to say thank you to the many people who participated in making this such a worthwhile event. We hope that these pupils have left with a real understanding of the different careers available within the NHS and hope that one day they will join us in the future.”

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Photograph (1): Sandra Murphy, Employability Advisor, NHS Ayrshire & Arran presents the trophy to pupils from Garnock Academy.

Photograph (2): The pupils from Grange Academy receiving their trophy from Kirsty Darwent, Vice-Chair NHS Ayrshire and Arran Board.

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