NHS Ayrshire & Arran and Sacro team scoop top award

NHS Ayrshire & Arran, along with its partner Sacro, is the overall winner of a major UK award in recognition for its work to keep women out of the courts. The team were awarded the Allied Health Professions Federation award for integrated care delivery, and were named overall winners at this year’s Advancing Healthcare Awards. The event was managed by Chamberlain Dunn.

Mary Jardine, Senior Occupational Therapist from NHS Ayrshire & Arran and Allison Black, Early and Effective Intervention Co-ordinator at Sacro were recognised for their unusual multi-agency project. The project brings together health, criminal justice, social and community organisations to keep women out of court and get to the root of offending behaviour.

Iona Colvin, Director of the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, the lead partnership for mental health services, explains: “This project is making a real difference to women’s lives. The whole system approach diverts women from the criminal justice and court systems with the aim of reducing offending behaviour and targeting reasons for offending.”

The project is the first of its kind in Scotland, and targets women before they become involved in the criminal justice system. It involves partnership working between statutory and voluntary services across health, criminal justice, social and community organisations.

Sharon Stirrat, Director of Operations (West) - Sacro, adds: "The whole systems approach for Women (EEI) is an excellent example of both preventative and collaborative working across the voluntary and statutory sectors. EEI places the needs of women at the heart of the project and demonstrates the value of co-production, good practice and positive outcomes for women. Sacro is keen to develop this integrated approach across a wider range of services.”

Mary and Allison weren’t the only Ayrshire winners: Joseph McIntyre, Advanced Podiatrist - Rheumatology, was one of the winners of the Chamberlain Dunn Learning Rising Star award.

Joseph was recognised for his passion and commitment to developing the profession, to further developing the evidence base for clinical care and to developing team approaches and leadership.
Iona Colvin adds: “I would like to congratulate Mary, Allison and Joseph for their hard work and dedication in improving people’s lives. These awards recognise the importance of partnership working and how it can improve health and social care.

“NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s purpose is ‘working together to achieve the healthiest life possible for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran’. And Mary, Allison and Joseph are the perfect example of how this can be done.”

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Allison Black and Mary Jardine received their award from Roy Lilley (Host) and Sobieraj (Managing Director, NHS Leadership Academy).

Joseph McIntyre (third from left) is pictured with the other winners of the Chamberlain Dunn Learning Rising Star award.