

Press Release

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Trust named Acute Healthcare Organisation of the Year at prestigious national awards

South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Torbay Hospital, has been named Acute Healthcare Organisation of the Year 2011 at the Health Service Journal (HSJ) awards.

The HSJ Awards, held in London on 15th November, reward the best innovation, ideas and dedication found throughout the healthcare sector over the last year. The Trust fought off stiff competition from six shortlisted organisations from across England to scoop the coveted prize.

The judges commented that the Trust is a high performing, excellent organisation with a real focus on patient experience. The Trust works as a team in an integrated way to deliver best outcomes and innovations in care with high levels of clinical engagement.

Last month, as part of the judging process, HSJ judges visited the Trust to meet staff and hear about the work taking place in the organisation. The Trust had the opportunity to showcase a range of the innovations and leading-edge practice that goes on within the hospital.

Chief Executive of South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Paula Vasco-Knight, said: "This award is wonderful news for the people of South Devon as their hospital has been highlighted as one of the best in the country. To be shortlisted for acute organisation of the year is a great honour but to win the title, against a very strong shortlist of organisations, is absolutely fantastic.

"As a trust, we strive to achieve and provide the very best services for our patients and ensure that they remain the centre of all that we do. This accolade is testament to the level of commitment and dedication shown by staff across the organisation to provide high quality care.

"With this national recognition, it is a real cause for celebration of the great achievements we have made as a Trust."

To find out more about the awards and the winners, please visit www.hsjawards.co.uk