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**ID MEDICAL PRESENTS THE MARK KENNEDY AWARD TO HELEN WILLIAMS AT HARROGATE AND DISTRICT NHS FOUNDATION TRUST FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CARE**

Through its on-going commitment to supporting Trusts and recognising the remarkable achievements of medical professionals across the UK, ID Medical has recently sponsored the Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT) Staff Achievement Awards 2013 and presented Helen Williams with the highly commendable Mark Kennedy Award.

The Staff Achievement awards Summer Ball, held at the Pavilions of Harrogate on Friday 19th July, incorporate ‘Celebrating Success’ and ‘Long Service Awards’ to promote outstanding good practice and innovation from staff across the organisation and to recognise staff who have worked for the NHS for 25, 35 and 40 years. The Mark Kennedy award itself involves the people who use the Trust’s services in implementing change and improving the quality of care.

Julia Gardner, strategic account manager at ID Medical is pictured presenting Helen Williams with her Mark Kennedy Award 2013 for the Long Term Conditions Pathway Project.

“We [ID Medical] were privileged to present Helen with the Mark Kennedy award at the Harrogate and District NHS Trust Staff Achievement Awards,” said strategic account manager, Julia Gardner.

“It is imperative for NHS Trusts to recruit staff with the right values to improve levels of patient care and it is safe to say that Helen and her fellow colleagues have gone above and beyond, contributing significantly to improving the quality of care at HDFT.

“Corporate Social Responsibility is at the heart of everything we do at ID Medical and our involvement with the HDFT Staff Achievement Awards enables us to join the Trust in recognising individuals and teams who are making a real difference every day. Congratulations to all nominated staff!”

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**About ID Medical**

ID Medical (HQ in Milton Keynes with office in central London) was established in 2002 and has since maintained its enviable position as market leader in the provision of high calibre medical staffing to both the public and private sectors. As the UK’s leading provider of locum doctors, nurses and AHP/HSS and clerical staff, ID Medical holds preferred supplier contracts with over 80% of hospitals nationwide and has supplied over 2 million hours to the NHS.

Founded on its core principles of quality of service, dedication, innovation and 100% commitment, the ID Medical Group Limited provides a complete medical staffing solution to its valued partners. Its services form part of the NHS procurement, with the ID Medical brand becoming synonymous with quality and dedication to the requirements of its clients and candidates alike.

In 2013 ID Medical achieved three years featured in the annual Recruiter FAST 50 league, one of only 7 UK recruitment companies demonstrating strong sustained growth, and one of only three medical companies making the grade. A further accolade is ranking number 60 in the Investec Hot 100 with ID Medical being the only medical recruiter positioned in the report, demonstrating its commitment to the industry whilst validating its credibility as market leader.

In its first year entering, it was accredited two star rating signalling ‘Outstanding Organisation’ by Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work for 2013.

**Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust is one of the largest employers in the area with over 3500 staff based in Harrogate and across North Yorkshire. It cares for the population of North Yorkshire and York and North Leeds by providing essential hospital and community health services.**

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