

## **PROFESSOR COOKSON WINS ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS' LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017.**

Professor Barry Cookson, has won the Lifetime Achievement Award at the prestigious **Royal College of Physicians' Excellence in Patient Care Awards**. Professor Cookson was presented with his award by RCP president Professor Jane Dacre at a dinner at Manchester Town Hall.

RCP registrar Dr Andrew Goddard (chair of selection panel) said:

*What impressed us about Professor Cookson's career was that his achievements include so many things that we now take for granted such as the importance of MRSA carriage, quality control in microbiology, healthcare-associated infections and hand hygiene. His name is not as well recognised as it should be among his fellow physicians and we hope that this award will change that.*

Citation:

### **Lifetime achievement - Professor Barry Cookson**

Barry Cookson's career has impacted on infection prevention and control (IPC), antimicrobial stewardship (AS) and wider clinical communities to make everyone an agent in the fight against healthcare associated infection (HCAI) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). His multi-disciplinary approach to clinical microbiology broke down professional barriers, ensuring UK hospitals and clinicians regarded IPC/AS as intrinsic to clinical practice.



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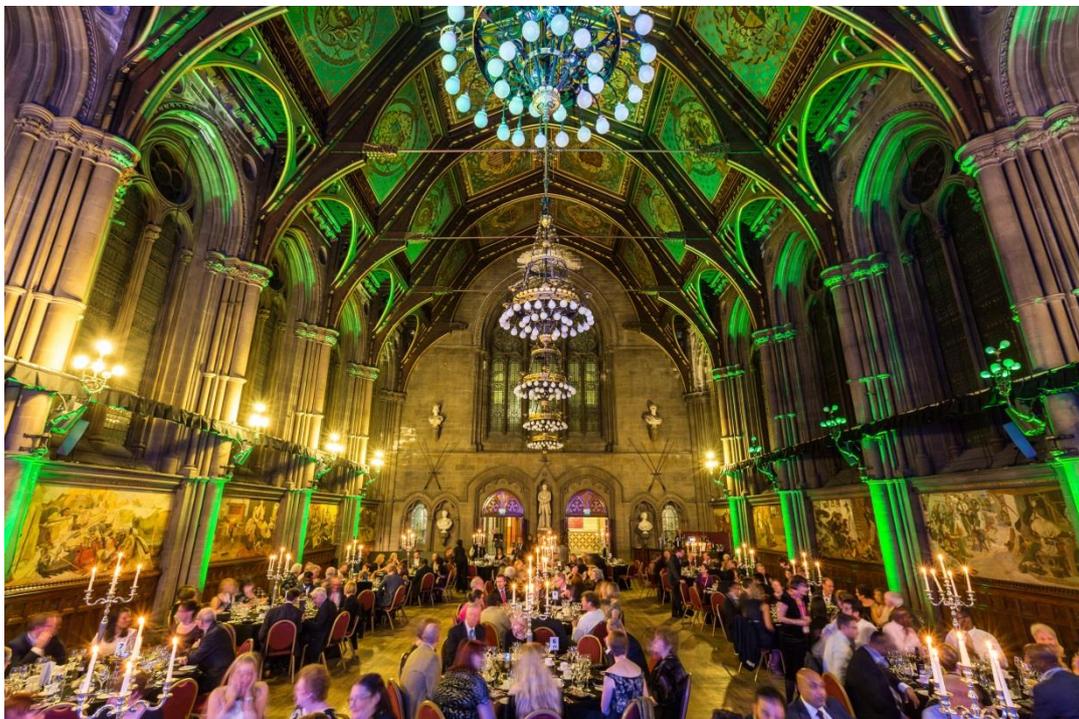
Further information about the Awards:

The second year of the **RCP's Excellence in Patient Care Awards** encompasses a broad range of medical care, teams, projects and people at the forefront of providing great care for patients. The eight award categories span clinical practice, education, policy and research both in the UK and intern

Professor Jane Dacre (President RCP) praised the entries for their commitment to improving patient care:

*'No matter how varied, the projects all had in common a real passion and drive to ensure that patients get the best care possible. With entries spanning a vast number of specialties and breaching the gap between secondary, primary and social care, we were delighted to see such strong examples of teamwork and leadership across the spectrum.'*

**The other RCP Excellence in Patient Care Awards 2017 winners are:**



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### **International - Professor Geeta Menon - Setting up diabetic retinopathy screening in the Copperbelt province in Zambia**

Since 2011, Frimley Park Hospital Eye Unit and the Kitwe Central Hospital Eye Unit in Zambia have worked together to develop and implement a Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) screening programme in the Copperbelt province in Zambia, providing improvements in the management of DR, which is the leading cause of blindness in working age people in the developing world. Since 2011, over 3000 patients have been screened and 500 patients treated for DR.

**Medical education and training - Professor Nihal Thomas, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Christian Medical College in Vellore**

The Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Christian Medical College in Vellore developed a nationwide training programme for doctors, nurse educators and foot care technicians designed to impart knowledge to remote communities across India and beyond, empowering healthcare professionals across the country and increasing the number of trained professionals qualified to handle the diabetes epidemic.

**Quality improvement - Newcastle Liver Unit - Development of a care bundle for patients admitted with decompensated cirrhosis**

The Newcastle Liver Unit developed a 'care bundle' for patients with decompensated cirrhosis that provides a simple checklist of key investigations and clear guidance on the management of cirrhosis-related complications. The care bundle was successfully implemented in Newcastle with audit demonstrating that all aspects of patient care were improved with its use (e.g. diagnostic tap for SBP increased from 61% to 86%) and hospital stay was reduced. The care bundle is now widely available and being used in many UK hospitals.

**Patient-centred care - Dr Pippa Medcalf - Hospital homeless healthcare**

Homeless people are four times more likely than housed people to be admitted to hospital, stay on average three times longer, and nationally 70% of homeless patients are discharged from hospital back to the streets with no support. This project has successfully reduced lengths of stay, improved staff understanding and compassion for homeless patients, and has resulted in 84% of homeless patients being housed on discharge.

**Innovation - The Electronic Frailty Index (eFI) Team - The electronic frailty index (eFI)**

The eFI represents a major, innovative advance in the care of older people because, for the first time, it enables identification of frailty using existing primary care data without the need for a resource-intensive clinical assessment. The eFI has been implemented in the leading UK primary care electronic health record systems and so is available across the UK.

**The Lancet research award - Orthopaedic Supportive Discharge (OSD) Team, Ashford & St. Peter's NHS Foundation Trust – Home is where our journey begins – 2 years' impact of an orthopaedic early supportive discharge (OSD) team in our hip fracture service**

This project has resulted in improved outcomes for hip fracture patients such as home to home within 30 days, reduced length of stay, and closure of a rehabilitation ward with significant savings.

**Contribution to the profession Dr Nawal Elkurdufani**

Dr Elkurdufani qualified to become the first female cardiologist in Sudan in 1988 and has contributed enormously to patient care in the field of cardiology and general medicine in Sudan.