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### **Dudley governors scoop prestigious NHS Leadership Award**

Governors of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust have scooped a top award in the regional NHS Leadership Awards 2013.

The Trust's Council of Governors picked up the prestigious title of NHS Governing Body of the Year at an awards ceremony hosted by GP, comedian and broadcaster Dr Phil Hammond in Birmingham last night (Wednesday).

Members of the council received the coveted award for their dedication and commitment to providing continuity and leadership against a backdrop of challenge and change.

The NHS Leadership Recognition Awards celebrate excellence in leadership across the NHS awarding those who have demonstrated excellent leadership bringing NHS values to life to make a real difference to patient outcomes.

Dudley Group Chief Executive Paula Clark said she was thrilled the Trust's governors had been recognised for their efforts.

"We are fortunate at The Dudley Group to have a highly engaged Council of Governors who have developed greatly over the past three years," said Paula.

"As a group they have risen to their leadership challenge both inside and outside the trust, and as advocates for the views of our patients.

"They challenge and keep the Board on its toes! This is always done in a constructive way. They give of their time freely and, although they are unpaid volunteers, they take their role very seriously and professionally and work with the Board to continually drive improvement at the Trust."

The Council of Governors formed in 2008 when the Trust achieved the foundation trust status and has a larger than average FT public membership of 13000.

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