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PRESS RELEASE

Trust's Finance manager wins national award

A finance manager at The Dudley Group of Hospitals has picked up a national award for developing future leaders as part of an NHS management training scheme.

Mark Axcell, Senior Assistant Director of Finance, has been named 'Placement Manager of the Year' by the NHS Institute of Innovation and Improvement who runs the national graduate scheme.

Mark beat off stiff competition from other NHS managers shortlisted for the award to win the top prize.

Presented with a framed certificate at the scheme's graduation ceremony hosted by NHS Chief Executive at Birmingham's Holiday Inn last night (Thursday), Mark was stunned by the award.

"I knew I'd been shortlisted but I was genuinely shocked to win the award," said Mark, who was placement manager for the Trust's national graduate finance trainee Amanda Gaston.

"It's an honour to receive the award. The calibre of the graduates coming off the scheme is high and that is excellent for the NHS as a whole and for our Trust."

The graduate management training scheme saw 150 trainees graduate at last night's ceremony.

Among those graduating were Amanda Gaston, the Trust's Principal Management Accountant, and Ned Hobbs, Deputy General Manager for Medicine. Both Amanda and Ned are now full-time employees of the Trust.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Pictured: Senior Assistant Director of Finance Mark Axcell with his award certificate

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