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looking after people throughout their lives. There were over 30 posters that illustrated the commitment of staff in providing high quality patient care and what they have been doing to share best practice across the hospital. We also had two outstanding external speakers. Anthony Bennett shared his story about a life threatening viral infection which left him with a small chance of survival and the way in which NHS staff pulled him through. Professor Mark Radford talked about how staff should be proud to be a nurse, midwife or therapist.

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I want to congratulate consultant clinical psychologist, Nigel North, who has won a lifetime achievement award for his dedication to patients, mentoring of staff and his work in developing a nationally recognised clinical psychology department. The award by the Wiltshire Life magazine follows a number of nominations from grateful patients who highlighted his dedication to his patients, inspiration and ability to make everyone feel important as an individual. Since coming to Salisbury 25 years ago, Nigel set up and developed a new clinical psychology department, building and training a team of psychologists who provide additional support to patients to help with their treatment and recovery from a range of conditions and injuries. He has also attracted research funding for a wide range of projects such as the Engage programme, which uses trained volunteers who provide support for patients during their hospital stay. The Engage programme was honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. It is now funded by the Stars Appeal

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Salisbury District Hospital has been awarded the Soil Association's prestigious 'Food for Life' Bronze Catering Mark for the food it serves to inpatients on the wards, as well as patients, staff and visitors in Springs Restaurant and Hedgerows Coffee Lounge. The Catering mark provides an independent endorsement for organisations that demonstrate a continued commitment to serving food that is seasonal, sustainable, free range, local, traceable and healthy. Organisations awarded with the mark must meet strict criteria and are regularly audited to ensure high standards are maintained.

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