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### 6,000 years of care and dedication

More than 6,000 years of dedication to the NHS has been recognised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.

That's the grand total clocked up by more than 200 staff working for the trust, which provides mental health, learning disability and community health services for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Ten members of staff had each devoted more than 40 years to the NHS.

They were joined by colleagues who had passed the 25-year and 30-year milestones for a special ceremony where they were congratulated and thanked by trust chairman Professor David Chiddick and trust chief executive Dr Pete Miller.

Eight of the group with 40 years or more service attended the ceremony, which followed the trust's annual meeting on Friday September 19, 2014.

Christine Wright qualified as a nurse in 1962 and has worked for the NHS in Leicestershire since 1973. Recently retired, she said: "I've had a brilliant career treating people across Leicestershire and working with some great colleagues, the comradeship has been fantastic."

She was joined by fellow veterans

Audrey Barker (community hospital nurse) Mike Barling (finance) Sandra Hubbard (community nursing), Karen Short (children's services), Wendy Smith (administration), Lorraine Unwin (practice nurse and stop smoking adviser) and Carole Woodward (community nursing).



**Long service with a smile:** Dr Pete Miller (back left) and Professor David Chiddick (back right) with Mike Barling, Carole Woodward, Lorraine Unwin, Karen Short, Wendy Smith, Christine Wright and Sandy Hubbard.

Mike Barling said: "I joined straight from school and have absolutely no regrets.

Meanwhile Carole Woodward said: "I knew I wanted to be a nurse from the age of three and I am proud that I stayed on the frontline throughout my career. I have loved every moment."

Long-serving colleagues Keith Brown and Bee McLeod were also recognised but were not at the presentation.

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### **Notes to editors**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk)

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