

Super nurse Lorraine crowned at awards



TOP NURSE . . . Lorraine Haining, centre, with awards judge Nicky Hayes, left, and TV presenter Kate Garraway, right. Photo by Barney Newman

A NURSE from the region has won a top national award for her outstanding work in dementia care.

Lorraine Haining is a specialist nurse practitioner at NHS Dumfries and Galloway and was last week crowned winner of the RCNi 'Nursing Older People' prize.

She was shortlisted from over 700 entries and chosen by the judges for leading the IDEAS Team (Interventions for Dementia: Education, Assessment and Support). The team help carers identify stress and distress in dementia sufferers, take steps to reduce distressed behaviour, and put in place non-pharmacological interventions.

It started as a project in care homes and the initial success has led to its extension into general hospitals, with Lorraine at the helm of a team of speech and language therapists, psychologists and social workers.

Delighted at the award, she said: "I'm ecstatic to have won an RCNi Nurse Award, I can't tell you how important this award is and I'm receiving it for a job I love. My team entered me and it

was completely unexpected, I was delighted to hear I'd even been shortlisted. "I have a fantastic team and I'm standing here with this award thanks to them."

Congratulating her, Rachel Armitage, from RCNi, said: "We are overjoyed to honour Lorraine for her hard work supporting those caring for dementia sufferers. She is a magnificent example of a nurse who has gone above and beyond in her specialism and we hope that she inspires many to consider a rewarding career in the nursing profession."

The annual awards are the UK's most prestigious nursing accolades, recognising nurses who, every day, go above and beyond to save lives, provide outstanding care for patients and transform nursing for the better.

This year's ceremony took place at The Park Plaza in London and was hosted by RCNi Nurse Awards ambassador and TV presenter Kate Garraway.

She said: "At a time when nurses are working harder than ever, it was an honour to present the RCNi Nurse Awards and give nurses like Lorraine the recognition they deserve."

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Independent review of proposed RBS branch closure in Gretna



Johnston Carmichael has been appointed to independently review the proposed closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Gretna. If you are likely to be affected by the closure we would like to hear your views by 5pm on 14 August 2018.

Johnston Carmichael, the largest independent firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers in Scotland, has been appointed by the Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS") to independently review the proposed closure of ten branches in Beaulay, Biggar, Castlebay, Comrie, Douglas in Lanarkshire, Gretna, Inveraray, Kyle, Melrose and Tongue.

We will be reviewing the usage of each branch on its own merits and then providing RBS with a recommendation on whether we consider each branch should remain open or be closed.

As part of our independent review, we would welcome the views of anyone who uses the RBS branch in Gretna and who would be directly affected by its closure. Specifically, we would like to hear how often you currently use the branch and what you use it for. We would also like to hear if you are aware of alternative ways to bank if the branch was to close and whether those alternatives would reasonably fulfil your everyday banking needs.

You can share your views with us at any time by:

- Writing to us at The RBS Review Team, Johnston Carmichael LLP, 29 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YL; or
- Completing a short online questionnaire available at www.jcca.co.uk/rbsbranchreview

You can also talk to us in person at the branch on Thursday 2 August 2018:

- Members of our review team will be visiting the Gretna RBS branch on Thursday 2 August and would welcome the opportunity to meet customers and users of the branch to discuss their banking needs on a one to one basis. Our team members will be at the branch during normal branch opening times and will be looking to meet with as many people as possible. Appointments of 20 minutes will be made available.
- We strongly advise you to book an appointment to avoid extended waiting times. To book an appointment, please telephone 01224 259353 between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of your views is 5pm on Tuesday 14 August 2018 and all comments that you share about how you use the branch will be kept confidential. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Johnston Carmichael RBS Review Team