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Clinicians at the QEUH have come together to showcase innovative ideas and share best practice on patient care across the campus. The group of junior doctors and consultants organised the QEUH Quality Improvement Awards, bringing together applications from teams of clinicians who have introduced innovative changes to ways of working or made changes that have improved the patient journey.

A total of 28 applications were received on a range of initiatives that have been implemented across numerous wards and departments. From enhanced recovery following radical cystectomy surgery to changing the way patients physically access the emergency department, each innovative idea has made a difference to both staff and patients.

This week, the awards were presented by our Chairman, Professor John Brown CBE. He said: “The QEUH is one of the largest hospital campuses in Europe and at the heart is the workforce who deliver critical care and support to patients and their families.

“The introduction of the QEUH Quality Improvement Awards is an important step forward and I am delighted to see these great examples of staff across the campus identifying problems, coming up with solutions and implementing changes to improve patient care.

“This is something we encourage everyone to do when they come to work so that we can develop a culture of continuous improvement in the quality of care that we deliver to the people of Scotland.

“I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to this initiative and, of course, my congratulations to the worthy winners.”

There were four awards presented at the event, with the overall winner receiving the Dame Denise Coia Award for Improving Patient Care.

Dame Denise was a renowned Glasgow doctor who sadly passed away earlier this year. As the Chair of Healthcare Improvement Scotland she was instrumental in introducing a quality approach to healthcare across NHS Scotland and led the General Medical Council’s work on improving the role and wellbeing of junior doctors in the UK.
Dame Denise was a loved and respected colleague and with her family's consent, the NHSGGC Board has created this prestigious award in her memory.

**Winner of the Dame Denise Coia Award for Improving Patient Care:**

Dr Stewart Gingles, Think 5 Before 5pm Project

**Winners of the Queen Elizabeth Quality Award 2020:**

**Gold:** Dr Maroria Oroko, Proactive Communications with Relatives During Lockdown Project

**Silver:** Dr Louisa Laing, Administrative Tasks After Death Project

**Bronze:** Dr Craig Warren, Emergency Department Flow During the COVID Pandemic Project

Congratulations to the winning teams and thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination!