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**Dermatology specialist recognised for kindness and compassion**

Locum Dermatology Consultant, Boyana Pedersen, was celebrated this week for her compassion and dedication to empowering patients as she was awarded October’s Outstanding Contribution for Living Our Values Award.

On Monday 5 January, Boyana was surprised by The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) Interim Executive Managing Director, Chris Bown, who greeted her alongside her QEH colleagues, to present the award.

Boyana’s nomination from a colleague praised her for constantly striving, with the support of the dermatology team, to treat every patient she sees with compassion, dignity and respect. It highlighted the numerous compliments from patients on her kindness and professional attitude, and how they felt properly heard during their consultations.

Included in the nomination was an example of Dr Pedersen’s amazing work: “Recently one of her patients was moved to tears in clinic. He had been trying to manage a rare and painful chronic skin condition for over 20 years. On his most recent appointment he had achieved clear skin, something he never imagined he would be able to do and was overcome with gratitude.”

The nomination continued: “Our skin is how we present ourselves to the world. Treating skin disease is not only about the treatment itself but empowering patients to take control of their condition, giving them the support and confidence they need to do it.”

Boyana was delighted to be presented with this accolade and to celebrate this success alongside her colleagues. She said: “It’s an incredible honour and genuinely very touching. At a time when we are under such immense pressure from the rising burden of skin cancer and the increasing number of patients we care for, it means so much that the team recognises our efforts. The Dermatology team is truly exceptional.”

The Living our Values Awards at The QEH are a way for every member of Team QEH to be recognised when they go above and beyond their duties, whether this be a clinical or non-clinical role. If you know somebody working at the Trust who demonstrates our values of Kindness, Wellness and Fairness in their actions [you can nominate them for a ‘Living Our Values’ awards here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QXJjJsMCXU206WBUa8VIOo9Z3pQzqupElNkQRnFzkZxUN1gyWU41VlFZWklQM05KOUE0V0g5MzVKMCQlQCN0PWcu).

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