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Thurrock nurse awarded top honour

A Thurrock nurse has been awarded the prestigious Queen’s Nurse title for her commitment to nursing at a ceremony in London.

Laura Davis, Lead Nurse at NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), was awarded the title of Queen’s Nurse by community nursing charity The Queen’s Nursing Institute at an award ceremony held at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London.

Each recipient of the title has shown dedication to nursing and a commitment to continue to provide high standards of patient care, learning and leadership.

Laura Davis said “receiving this title is one of the proudest moments of my career. It is a real honour to be held in the same company of so many dedicated nurses who spend every day making sure the NHS is a caring and supportive healthcare service.”
“Both myself and the rest of the team at Thurrock CCG will continue to do our upmost to improve care for the people of Thurrock and ensure that everyone gets the care they deserve.”

Laura’s interest in a career in healthcare began when working as a senior care assistant in a private residential home. It was this early experience in that inspired her to become an NHS nurse.

Over Laura’s 27 years as a registered nurse, she has worked across the broad range of NHS services, including in hospitals and the community. Among her roles, Laura has worked as part of a rapid response team that acted quickly to assess the needs of patients with complex medical conditions and as an End of Life Care Facilitator, ensuring the very best care for patients near the end of life.

Laura now works in the Quality and Patient team within Thurrock CCG as Lead Nurse. The team focuses on providing advice and support for NHS service providers in Thurrock on how they can work together to achieve the highest quality care.

Congratulating Laura on receiving her new title, Jane Foster-Taylor, Chief Nurse at Thurrock CCG said; “Along with everyone at Thurrock CCG, I am delighted that Laura has been recognised with a Queen’s Nurse Award.

“As Lead Nurse in our Quality and Patient Safety Team, Laura’s work is incredibly important in ensuring that our Thurrock patients are looked after well and have a positive experience throughout their healthcare.

“High standards of patient care, learning and leadership, are at the forefront of all our work and we’re very proud to have Laura as an ambassador for these standards and as a Queen’s Nurse.”

The title of Queen’s Nurse is open to community nurses with more than three years’ experience. Managers and patients provide feedback about applicants, which is assessed along with their application by the Queen’s Nursing Institute, a registered charity founded in 1887.

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Notes to editors

More information about the Queen’s Nursing Institute and the Queen’s Nurse title is available at: qni.org.uk

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