

NHS Charities Together wins Special Recognition Award at the APM Awards 2021

In recognition of its Urgent Covid-19 Appeal and ongoing work



16 November 2021 – London, UK – NHS Charities Together, the national independent charity caring for the NHS, has been awarded with a Special Recognition Award at the Association for Project Management (APM) Awards, which took place in London on Monday 15 November. The APM Awards, sponsored by RPC UK Ltd, showcase the very best within the project management profession, from aspiring young project managers to transformational projects and programmes taking place in the UK.

NHS Charities Together has been recognised for its Covid-19 Urgent Appeal, the most successful fundraising campaign of all time. Supported by Captain Sir Tom Moore, Premier League footballers, fitness coach Joe Wicks, and thousands of other generous individuals and organisations, the campaign raised more than £150 million – and the funds are making a vital difference.

With a network of over 240 NHS charities, to date NHS Charities Together has allocated £140 million supporting over 600 NHS projects, covering the length and breadth of the UK. This includes over 400 projects benefitting the mental health of NHS staff, including counselling, helplines, and intensive psychological support for post-traumatic stress disorder.

In March 2020, over £15million was raised in the first five days of the appeal following an outpouring of public support. A small team, led by Ellie Orton OBE, Chief Executive, quickly mobilised to manage and allocate funds to reach every part of the UK through the organisation's 240 member NHS charities – helping patients, staff and volunteers at an incredibly challenging time. Grants were issued in three phases to support urgent needs, community partnerships and NHS recovery.

Ellie Orton OBE, Chief Executive at NHS Charities Together, said: “We are delighted to have won this award, which recognises the efforts of our small and dedicated team during the pandemic. Working with our 240 member charities, we worked together to ensure the funds raised went to where they were needed most – benefitting NHS staff, patients, and volunteers in every corner of the UK. I would like to thank every person who supported the Covid-19 Appeal and helped us raise such a huge amount of money.

“We’re still here to support the people of the NHS, in every part the country, every day of the week. Because with the pandemic’s impact expected to last for many years, partnerships between the NHS and NHS charities are now more vital than ever. Together we can provide the extra support needed in hospitals, ambulance teams, community and mental health services, and help the NHS go further for everyone – now and in the future.”

Other awards presented at the APM Awards included **Overall Project of the Year** and **Technology project of the Year** which was won by Medica Reporting Ltd, the market leader in UK teleradiology, for introducing AI into the teleradiology workflow, including the transmission of radiological patient images, such as x-rays, CTs, and MRIs, from one location to another.

Professor Adam Boddison, chief executive at APM, said: “Our awards are all about celebrating the outstanding successes and achievements of the project profession. This year, following the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, we wanted to recognise NHS Charities Together for the significant impact it has made to NHS projects and to so many people around the UK, through its tremendous Covid-19 Appeal – a truly well-deserved Special Recognition Award.

“I would like to congratulate all of this year’s award winners and finalists for their fantastic achievements. They are a true reflection on the growing talent and opportunity within the project profession.”

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