

Homeless Health Honoured by National Award

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- Pathway, a charity working with homeless hospital patients, has won the Kate Granger Award for Compassionate Care.
- The award winners were chosen by Dr Granger before her death earlier this year.
- Chief Executive describes the experience as ‘humbling’.

Pathway, a homeless health charity, has won the Kate Granger Awards for Compassionate Healthcare.

The charity, which helps the NHS care for homeless patients, faced stiff competition for the prestigious award, beating off 135 other entries to be presented with the trophy at last week’s NHS Expo in Manchester.

Pathway Chief Executive Alex Bax said:

“It’s humbling. The NHS is founded on the kindness of strangers and homeless patients really need some extra kindness. This award will spread our message, helping the NHS improve care for the most vulnerable.”

The awards were founded by Kate Granger, a Consultant Geriatrician and campaigner for better patient care, who began the #hellomynameis campaign after being diagnosed with cancer.

She inspired over 400,000 healthcare workers to commit to introducing themselves to patients before beginning treatment.

Kate chose the award winners shortly before her death earlier this year, at the age of 34. She is survived by her husband, Chris Pointon, who presented the award.

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Pictures and interviews are available on request.

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About Pathway

Pathway works to improve healthcare for homeless people. The charity has helped establish teams of doctors, nurses and social care professionals within 11 NHS facilities across England, supporting over 3000 patients every year.

Pathway also develops models to facilitate improvements in patient care, carries out research in new and developing areas, provides training for healthcare professionals and supports specialist commissioning.

The charity is also host to The Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health, a network representing 750 professionals working with the health needs of vulnerable migrants, people who are homeless, from gypsy and traveller communities, or who sell sex.