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Trust shortlisted for national award

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust has been shortlisted for the CHKS Top Hospitals programme data quality award for England 2015.

The CHKS Top Hospitals awards celebrate excellence throughout the UK and are given for achievements in healthcare quality and improvement. The data quality award recognises the importance of clinical coding and data quality and the essential roles they play in ensuring appropriate patient care. It is based on a range of coding indicators, including coding related to primary diagnosis.

Trust Chief Executive Lorraine Lambert said: "Being in the running for a national award is always a fantastic achievement and this latest recognition is testament to all the hard work and commitment to patient care of our staff."

Jason Harries, managing director, CHKS, said: "Every hospital is accountable to its patients, their families and carers, as well as the local community, to provide a safe environment. Our data quality award highlights those trusts that clearly share a commitment to driving improvement and engendering a culture of excellence throughout their organisations and it is a credit to the staff at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust that it has been shortlisted for this award."

The CHKS Top Hospitals programme awards will be held in London on May 19th and over 200 guests are expected to attend, including leaders from across the healthcare sector, from the Department of Health, Royal Colleges, and acute trusts.

CHKS has used over 25 years of experience in the analysis of hospital data to decide the indicators on which each of the Top Hospitals programme awards are judged. Awards are made on the basis of an analysis of publicly-available datasets and every NHS acute trust is included.

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Notes to editors:

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