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Trophy for Trust apprentice

A talented South Tyneside NHS apprentice has been recognised as one of the best in the region.

Adam Ross, who works for South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, received a trophy at the Northern and Yorkshire NHS Assessment Centre's estates apprenticeship programme presentation evening at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham.

The programme was set up to provide training in engineering, electronics, plumbing and joinery. All the regional estates apprentices were presented individually with certificates of achievement for the past 12 months and special awards were handed out. Adam, 19, of East Boldon, won the trophy for 3rd Year Apprentice of the Year.

At the event, which was sponsored by the Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management (IHEEM) and the Health Estates and Facilities Management Association (HefmA), (correct spelling) Adam was praised for producing work of a very good standard at all times, both at college and in the workplace. The judges said he was always keen to learn and work, had researched additional courses and had never had any late timesheets.

Adam said: "I wasn't expecting it but I was really pleased to win. My dad and grandad started work as engineering apprentices, although not in the NHS, so I'm following in their footsteps. The training is great and I know it will stand me in good stead for the future."

Regional training and development manager Eileen Bayles said: "These young apprentices are among the best in the region. I have no doubt at all that they will go on to have a major role in keeping our NHS buildings, all the water, electrical and heating systems, joinery – and all of the complex medical equipment found in the modern hospital – well-maintained and safe for patients and the staff providing care.

"The scheme is successful because the apprentices know that if they work hard and are dedicated then they will have a fantastic career to look forward to in the NHS. Every year we see these young apprentices develop and progress. It's an absolute pleasure and privilege for everyone in the assessment centre to be a part of that."



Kevin Grabham, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Head of Estates, said: "We are very proud of Adam, who is an extremely hard worker, practically and academically. He will be a superb, highly qualified multi-skilled craftsman and a great asset to the NHS when he completes his apprenticeship next year."

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Pictured above: Adam Ross, being presented with his trophy by HefmA President Tim Litherland and Chair, Northern & Yorkshire Branch, Ian Rooney

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