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## South Tyneside's hospital is the tops

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust has been named once again as one of the best performing trusts in the UK.

South Tyneside is one of the CHKS Top Hospitals for 2016, an accolade awarded to the 40 top performing CHKS client trusts, based on the evaluation of over 20 key performance indicators covering safety, clinical effectiveness, health outcomes, efficiency, patient experience and quality of care.

Chief Executive Steve Williamson said: "Our thanks go to all our staff who work so hard to ensure the best possible care for our patients. It is fantastic for them to be given this recognition and it also demonstrates to our patients, and provides reassurance to our Board, that we are performing extremely well."

The CHKS Top Hospitals programme awards were held in London and were attended by over 200 guests, including leaders from across the healthcare sector.

Sarah Atkinson, managing director, CHKS, said: "These awards recognise the outstanding performance in those areas which we believe are critical to delivering high quality care. We are delighted that South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust is one of our 2016 Top Hospitals."

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Notes to editors:

- CHKS Ltd, part of Capita plc, is a provider of healthcare intelligence and quality improvement services to the NHS and independent healthcare sector.

*Pictured above: South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Head of Business Development Malcolm Walker receives the Top Hospitals award from CHKS managing director Sarah Atkinson*

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