

**The Social Partnership Forum brings together NHS Employers, NHS trade unions, NHS England, Health Education England and the Department of Health to debate the development and implementation of the workforce implications of policy.**

The HPMA Excellence Awards have been recognising and rewarding outstanding work in healthcare human resource management for over twenty years. Winning projects, large and small, have made a real difference to patient care and influenced HR practice in healthcare and beyond. The 2015 HPMA Excellence in HRM Awards ceremony was held at the Novotel London West on Thursday 18 June. Guests honoured the winners, networked with HR professionals and above all had a night to remember!

The SPF sponsored award for partnership working between employers and trade unions was awarded to Guys' and St. Thomas' for their exemplar management development programme *'Passport to Management'*.

Congratulations to Guys' and St. Thomas' and to our two other finalists, Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for their [Apprenticeship Implementation project](#), and management and trade unions at University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust who worked in partnership to [improve their disciplinary process](#) for the benefit of staff, management and ultimately patients.

A big thank you to everyone who entered the SPF partnership award category – we had a record number of entrants this year.

For more news and updates, including podcasts and case studies from the three finalists visit our HPMA Partnership Award [web page](#).

Finally, start thinking about the next year's awards, do you have an excellent example of partnership working in your organisation, or do you have plans for an initiative that involves working in partnership between employers and trade unions? Please share your good practice by entering the 2016 HPMA award for partnership working.