

## PRESS INFORMATION

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### BEST IN UK HEALTHCARE SHORTLISTED FOR THE IHA 2011

Entries to the sixth annual *Independent Healthcare Awards* have once again highlighted the outstanding quality of services being provided across the country by private healthcare organisations.

According to event host, Laing & Buisson, the standards seen in all entrants to the 2011 awards is once again proof that the independent sector is more than capable of stepping up to the challenge of delivering the highest standards of care.

Established in 2006, the objectives of the *Independent Healthcare Awards* remain to highlight the range of achievements within the sector and to pay tribute to those individuals and teams who have demonstrated outstanding excellence. In 2011 awards will be handed out in 17 categories, which with a record number of entries meeting and exceeding the criteria set by Laing & Buisson, has resulted in a shortlist of over 60 organisations being put forward for the finalists list.

Shortlisted entries are now being reviewed by a board of esteemed judges made up from former government figures, the heads of care sector organisations and senior executives operating within the UK healthcare scene.

Among these expert eyes is Sir Peter Gershon, author of the much lauded Gershon Review and a chief advisor to the Conservative Party in the run up to the 2010 General Election. Judging alongside him is the Department of Health patient choice guru Bob Ricketts and of course Laing & Buisson chief executive and healthcare economist William Laing.

Commenting on the standard of entries seen in 2011, Mr Laing commented:

"This year's event takes place against a tumultuous political backdrop where healthcare rides hide - indeed, our judging takes place during the coalition government's 'pause for thought' as it reviews how to progress with far-reaching proposals to reshape the NHS as we know it. Independent providers understandably approach these reforms with some trepidation, but it is a testament to the standards on display among these shortlisted names that we can proudly present such a high calibre of entrants."

Alongside naming the best healthcare organisations among the country's hospitals, rehabilitation providers, complex needs services and home-delivered healthcare companies, this year's awards will see the publication of the inaugural Laing's Healthcare 20 - a definitive list of the most important independent care providers currently operating in the UK.

Winners will be announced on 20 September 2011 during a Gala Dinner at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square which will celebrate the very best that independent care providers offer. The event will be hosted by writer, broadcaster and former Conservative MP Giles Brandreth.

Table bookings to attend the event are now being taken, telephone Michelle Brooks on 020 7923 5392 or visit for further details.

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*\*The sixth Independent Healthcare Awards is organised by independent healthcare intelligence provider Laing & Buisson and will take place at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square on 20 September 2011. The event is being held in association with CuroCare with sponsorship from Bupa Cromwell Hospital, Marsh, HCA International and The Royal Bank of Scotland. For more information please visit: [www.laingbuisson.co.uk/Events](http://www.laingbuisson.co.uk/Events)*

A list of categories and shortlisted providers for the 2011 event follows:

#### **Innovation**

Dr Anil Ohri & team, *Regents Park Heart Clinic*  
Inclusion team, *Vista Healthcare*  
Mr Anan Shetty, *Spire Alexandra Hospital*  
Emergency Care Centre Team, *BMI Clementine Churchill*  
Meriel Miller & Children's Doc Around the Clock team, *The Portland Hospital HCA*

#### **Management Excellence**

Nand Gopaul, *CuroCare*  
Paul Leach and Spire's Organisational Development Team, *Spire Healthcare*  
Mark Williams, *The Huntercombe Group*  
Arvind Kumar, *UK Specialist Hospitals*  
Ty Platten, *HICA Group*

#### **Technology**

Richard Walker, *St Andrew's Healthcare*  
Caron Richards & Augustine Amusu, *HCA International Ltd*  
Fiona Calnan, Cath Finn & Fiona Gordon, *UK Specialist Hospitals*  
Kylie Meehan & Paul Volkaerts, *Bupa Cromwell Hospital & Nervecentre Software Limited*

#### **Entrepreneurial Achievement**

Fiona Calnan, *UK Specialist Hospitals*  
Mark Lomax, *MediHome Ltd*  
Paul Marriner, *Lifeways Community Care Ltd*  
Rupert Cockcroft, *Cancer Partners UK*

#### **Excellence in Training**

Jackie Row and Hilary Gonszor, *Aspen Healthcare*  
Nuffield LMS Team, *Nuffield Health*  
Helen Hunter, *HCA International*  
Angela Clark-Rossi, Tamsin Hodgkinson & Sandra Jerome, *Bupa Cromwell Hospital*  
Ralph Aguilar, *Transitional Rehabilitation Unit (TRU) Ltd*

#### **Nursing Practice**

Carole Patrick, *Bupa Cromwell Hospital*  
Eszter Bakody, *Aspen Healthcare Limited*  
Sandy Tysom, *The Wellington Hospital*  
Christopher Vilas, *London Bridge Hospital*

#### **Hotel Services**

*Signature Miramar*  
Gareth Waters, *St Andrew's Healthcare*  
Hilary Kavanagh and Jen Colthard, *UK Specialist Hospitals and Modus FM*  
Nicola Miller, *Spire Cardiff Hospital*  
Group Hotel Services Manager, *Ramsay Health Care UK*

#### **Public Private Partnership**

Alison Woods, *Frenchay Hospital*  
Sarah Fisher, *HCA NHS Ventures*  
End of Life Team, *Primecare Northamptonshire*  
Iain Mack and Anna Henderson, *The Mole Clinic*

#### **Outstanding Contribution**

Sharon Stewart, *Ramsay Healthcare*  
Stephen Cannon, *BMI Clementine Churchill*

#### **Medical Care**

Kemal Rajabally, *Leaders in Oncology Care*  
Alan Rayner & Cliff Bucknall, *London Bridge Hospital*

#### **Excellence in Risk Management**

Kaye Bonython, *HCA International*  
Cath Finn, *UK Specialist Hospitals*  
Patrick Walker, *The Portland Hospital HCA*  
Nuffield Alchemy Team, *Nuffield Health*

#### **Healthcare Outcomes**

Rosemary Hittinger, *HCA International*  
Iqbal Golamaully, *Huntercombe Hospital*  
*Roehampton*  
Dementia Care Services, *Four Seasons Health Care*

Investor of the Year  
*Albion Ventures LLP*  
*August Equity*  
*Sovereign Capital*  
*Apposite Capital*  
*MedicX*

Healthcare Group, *Taylor Wessing LLP*  
Healthcare Sector Group, *Eversheds*  
*Capsticks*  
*Hempsons*  
Andrew Parsons, *RadcliffeLeBrasseur*

Corporate Financier of the year  
Mark Naughton, *Grant Thornton UK LLP*  
Andrew Brookes & care team *Hazlewoods LLP*

Healthcare Property Developer  
Renos Sideras, *CuroCare*  
*MedicX*

Legal Adviser  
Jocelyn Ormond, *Beachcroft LLP*

Healthcare Property Consultancy  
Andrew Sidwell, *GVA Grimley*  
Julian Evans, *Knight Frank*

A full list appears on the Laing & Buisson [website](#)

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

Founded by William Laing in 1986, Laing & Buisson is the UK's leading provider of information and market intelligence on the independent health, community care and childcare sectors.

Laing & Buisson offers a uniquely focused range of expert services to providers, purchasers and investors in the health and community care markets. Information about the range of products and services provided is summarised below.

#### [Annual Directories & Market Reports](#)

Laing & Buisson publishes a series of special market reports and directories on the health and community care sectors. Annual publications include Laing's Healthcare Market Review, Long Term Care: Directory of Major Providers, and the Care of Elderly People Market Survey. The research and conclusions within the reports are frequently cited in parliamentary questions and answers, official documents and company prospectuses, and are regularly drawn upon by the national media.

#### [Consultancy & Market Intelligence](#)

Market intelligence and consultancy work, focusing on non-clinical aspects of health and social care markets, is tailor-made for companies with an active interest in the sector. Examples of recent work include a report on the future of the independent healthcare sector for the Healthcare Commission, the seminal work conducted by Laing & Buisson on 'A Fair Price for Care' for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and 'Improving Lives - Improving Life', a report on the key strategic issues facing the long term care sector. Laing & Buisson also frequently assists investors in market due diligence work in the health and care sectors. Laing & Buisson can also offer consultancy on the broader European market through its Healthcare Europa joint venture.

#### [Healthcare Data in an Electronic Format](#)

*CareSearch* is Laing & Buisson's flagship data product, a 'one stop shop' with extremely flexible search facilities for those needing detailed, reliable and up-to-date information on care homes, independent hospitals, health and care commissioners and regulators in each neighbourhood in the UK, together with details of group operators, their holdings and financial information from statutory accounts. Alternatively, data can be selected specifically and supplied on disks or labels for mailing purposes.

#### [Newsletters](#)

Laing & Buisson publishes three authoritative monthly newsletters - *Community Care Market News*, which covers the long-term care sector, *Healthcare Market News*, which covers the acute healthcare sector, and *Healthcare Europa*, which looks at the private care, healthcare and outsourcing sectors across Europe.

#### [Conferences & Awards](#)

In addition to one-off conferences on subjects selected for their special interest or topicality, Laing & Buisson's annual programme features a series of 'annual' conferences - definitive events covering key developments and leading edge practice in specific areas including Homecare, Telecare and Assistive Technology, Children's Nurseries and Childcare, Extra Care, Long Term Care for Older People, Acute Healthcare, Private Healthcare Insurance and Investing in Healthcare. Furthermore, an annual healthcare convention is held which features sector wide debate on a wide range of related topics (Laing & Buisson's Healthcare Convention) and two awards schemes are also operated which recognise best practice in both the specialist care sector (Independent Specialist Care Awards) and long term care and acute provision (Independent Healthcare Awards).