

Thursday 4 April 2023

Celebrating our teams and services

[Yee Chang, wins 2023 Apprentice of the Year Award](#)

Here at Manchester and Trafford LCOs, we're really keen to support you as our staff—to learn and develop within your role and career. One of the ways we do this is by supporting you to undertake additional studies whilst remaining on the job, just like Yee Chang (as pictured right), who's currently studying a degree in physiotherapy with the Sheffield Hallam University on an apprenticeship pathway.

Yee works as an assistant practitioner for the Manchester Crisis Response North Locality Team and really enjoys her role. She has learned a lot from her team and is passionate about providing excellent patient care. So much so that her mentor Manju Noble and fellow colleague recognised the difference she's been making and her valuable contribution and put her forward for the **2023 Apprentice of the Year Award** that the university had to offer. **Then on Friday 24 March, to Yee's surprise, she received an email confirming that she'd been selected as the winner!**

We're sure you'll agree that this is amazing news and will join us in congratulating Yee! She'll now attend the university's **Inspirational Student Awards Dinner 2023** on the evening of **Tuesday 18 April** to be presented with her award.

We managed to catch up with Yee, and she shared:

"I'm truly grateful to have been nominated for this award and was really surprised to hear that I'd been chosen as the winner. I work with such a fantastic team, and each one of my colleagues has been and continues to be an amazing support."

Studying on the job while working and being a busy mum can be tricky at times. But I wouldn't change a thing, and I'd say to anyone considering an apprenticeship or some new learning to give it a try. For me, it's been a brilliant opportunity, and I'm looking forward to developing my career further within community health."

Jason Holland, clinical lead for MCR North Locality and Yee's manager also said:

"It's no surprise to any of the team here that Yee has won this award. She is such a fantastic, hard-working colleague who always puts her patients first. I've nothing but praise for her. She is a real star!"