

NHS receives a record number of Awards and donations reach £1m:

In 2020 Pennies from Heaven donations from NHS staff topped the £1m mark and I am very pleased to see that 20% of our Award winners this year are NHS Trusts and Organisations. With many Trusts supporting NHS charities it is great to be helping the NHS do even more for us. Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust has moved to a Silver medal with over 15% of staff joining in and we welcome Public Health Wales to the podium with more than 10% of employees donating.



"As you can appreciate, this has been a tough year for Charities, with many of our regular fundraising events such as 10K runs, school dressing up days and community group fundraising dinners unable to take place. Having the Pennies From Heaven donations as a regular source of income has really helped us ever since we joined the scheme, but even more so in 2020/21. It's an honour to receive a Silver Award this year and we will be sharing the good news with all our staff at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust who made this possible."

Donna O'Reilly, Senior Community Fundraising Officer, at Manchester Foundation Trust Charity.



Employers move up the medal tables:

Some of our employers were simply not happy with winning their Award last year – they wanted more and several have traded up! Shoosmiths LLP have moved from a Gold to Platinum Medal and NHS Resolution, Financial Ombudsman Service, Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust have moved from Silver to Gold.



"Shoosmiths is grateful to all colleagues who support Pennies from Heaven. Since we joined the scheme in June 2007, colleagues have donated an amazing £33,000, assisting 49 charities. We have been a recipient of a gold award for nine consecutive years and so to reach platinum is due to every colleague who has chosen to make a difference by donating spare pennies to charity instead."

Nicola Ellen. Head of Corporate Responsibility. Shoosmiths LLP.



New Companies start big:

Sometimes it takes a little while to gather momentum for the scheme but for some a great launch proves successful. Congratulations to Starr Underwriting Agents Limited for launching in 2020 and winning a Gold medal



"Starr are delighted to be awarded a Gold Award, having only launched the scheme in July 2020. As an organisation, we are committed to giving back more to local communities and charities that are close to our employees' hearts. Pennies from Heaven has been an integral part of helping us to achieve that."

Dan Zisimos. Starr Underwriting Agents Limited.

