

We are hugely proud to be part of the Sevenhills+ Primary Care Network which has won the most coveted award in UK healthcare, a prestigious Health Service Journal (HSJ) award, for 'Primary Care Innovation of the Year 2020'

We won the award for our COVID-19 Vulnerable Patient Visiting Service. The service was selected based on its ambition, visionary spirit and the demonstrable positive impact that project had on vulnerable patients in the Sevenhills area. Over 1300 vulnerable people in Sheffield have so far benefited from the COVID-19 Vulnerable Patient Visiting Service which is funded by NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The service reaches out to vulnerable and frail people who may not be seeking help due to the fear of attending their GP practice during the COVID-19 crisis.

The award was presented at a star-studded virtual ceremony hosted by Sir Lenny Henry and Victoria Derbyshire.

Dr Lucy Cormack, Clinical Director for the Sevenhills Primary Care Network and Clover Group practices, said, "This achievement came about due to the hard work of everyone involved from clinicians to managers to admin staff and but mainly the HCAs who worked tirelessly in challenging circumstances. The findings of the project and improvement in patients' wellbeing demonstrate what a difference can be made to our communities with a small investment. For me, the excitement of winning this award is the potential it brings in terms of continued investment to expand the service further into our underserved communities."

Dr Andy Hilton, Chief Executive of Primary Care Sheffield, said, "This is a huge win and shows the incredible contribution GPs and primary care are making in Sheffield. The last year has been tough for health services but our primary care teams have risen to the occasion; continuing to deliver services throughout the pandemic, introducing innovative new services like this one, as well as delivering the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Well done to everyone involved!"

Now in its 40th year, the HSJ Awards is the largest annual benchmarking and recognition programme for healthcare. Through a rigorous, fair and transparent judging process the awards produce a roll call of the best organisations, teams and people in the NHS and the wider health sector.

Read more about the Vulnerable Person Visiting Service [here](#).

Watch a video showing what it means to patients [here](#).