

Media Release

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Honour for leading pharmacist in mid Essex

Mid Essex pharmacist Paula Wilkinson has received one of the highest honours from her profession's national body.

Paula, who is the Chief Pharmacist for Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), is becoming a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, the membership organisation for pharmacists and pharmacy in Great Britain.

Fellowship is reserved for pharmacists who have made an outstanding original contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the profession, or shown particular distinction in the practice, science or history of pharmacy. Only members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society can nominate others for the honour, and all nominees must be approved by a panel of current Fellows.

Paula's new status shows the high regard in which she is held by the pharmacy world. She is constantly working with patients and healthcare professionals to give everyone in mid Essex a better experience in using prescribed medication, helping them to Live Well. Paula's work also includes reducing the amount of medicine wasted each year – waste costing the NHS a great deal of money that could be spent on people's care.

Carol Anderson, Acting Accountable Officer at Mid Essex CCG, said: "We were so proud of Paula when we heard the fantastic news.

"Being made a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society is a huge honour and we are very lucky that we can draw on Paula's expertise and experience here in mid Essex. Well done to her from all her colleagues at the CCG."

The Society will formally award Paula her Fellowship later in the year.

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Notes to Editor:

1. You can find out more about Fellowship of the Society at <http://www.rpharms.com/types-of-membership/fellow.asp>
2. Picture of Paula Wilkinson, Chief Pharmacist of Mid Essex CCG, attached with this media release