

King's Birthday Honours 2026

Looking down the list, a couple of things strike me.

Glen Burley's knighthood is the standout NHS management award.

Anne Eden, Samantha Allen and Tim Orchard suggest senior NHS operational leadership has been recognised more heavily than in some recent years.

There is a notably strong showing for nursing, diabetes, critical care, public health and healthcare science.

The honours system still seems better at recognising individual excellence than collective achievement. Given what NHS staff have been through in the past few years, there is an argument that entire teams have delivered feats that no individual could have managed alone.

Interestingly, I found relatively few recipients directly linked to the current NHS priorities of waiting lists, productivity and neighbourhood health. The emphasis is more on clinical contribution, research, nursing and long service.

And, if I may say so, Anne Eden's CBE, who was once a valued colleague and remains a friend, is well deserved. Whatever we think of the current NHS architecture, she has had one of the toughest operational jobs in the service. Well done.

Here's the full list.... find a friend or colleague and send them a pat on the back.

GBE

Professor Dame Parveen Kumar — Professor Emerita of Medicine and Education, Queen Mary University of London. For services to global medical education and health.

DBE

Professor Carol Elspeth Goodeve Brayne — Professor Emeritus and Senior Visiting Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge. For services to medicine, medical research and public health.

Professor Melanie Jane Davies — Professor of Diabetes Medicine, University of Leicester. For services to global diabetes research, policy and care.

Dr Crystal Elizabeth Oldman — Lately Chief Executive, The Queen's Institute of Community Nursing. For services to nursing.

Sumeshni Tranka — Chief Nursing Officer, Welsh Government. For services to nursing.

Knighthoods

Professor Glen Warren Burley — Chief Executive, The Foundation Group and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS England. For services to the NHS.

Professor Andrew David Morris — Director of Health Data Research UK and Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh. For services to medical sciences, public health and patient care.

CBE

Anne Eden — Regional Director for South East, NHS England. For services to the NHS.

Dominic Dodd — Lately Chair, UCLPartners. For services to the NHS.

Dr Richard Mark Vautrey — Lately President, Royal College of General Practitioners and GP Partner, Meanwood Group Practice. For services to general practice.

Professor David John Gunnell — Emeritus Professor of Epidemiology, Bristol Medical

School. For services to public health and suicide prevention.

Professor Ian Stuart Young — Consultant Chemical Pathologist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Health, Northern Ireland. For services to health and science.

Professor Timothy Robin Orchard — Chief Executive, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Professor of Gastroenterology, Imperial College London. For services to the NHS.

Samantha Jane Allen — Chief Executive, NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board. For services to the NHS.

OBE

Dr Geeta Kumar — Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. For services to women's health.

Dr Hilda Hayo — Chief Admiral Nurse and Chief Executive, Dementia UK. For services to people affected by dementia.

Dr Niall Gerald James Keenan — Divisional Director for Medicine Services, West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. For services to the NHS.

Dr Nicola Jayne Rose — Interim Executive Director of Science and Research, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

For services to public health.

Karen Jane Hamilton — Lately Chair, NHS Borders. For services to health and to the community in the Scottish Borders.

Professor Ann John — Professor of Public Health and Psychiatry, Swansea University. For services to suicide prevention and mental health.

Professor David Henry Felix — Lately Dean of Postgraduate Dental Education and Director of Dentistry, NHS Education for Scotland. For services to dentistry.

Professor Jamie Norman Waterall — Deputy Chief Public Health Nurse, Department of Health and Social Care. For services to public health nursing.

Professor Janet Karen Monkman Gray — Chief Executive, Academy of Healthcare Science. For services to the healthcare science workforce.

Professor Mohamed Wasim Hanif — Clinical Advisor, Diabetes UK and Professor of Diabetes and Endocrinology, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. For services to diabetes care.

Professor Stephen Jolles — Consultant Immunologist, Immunodeficiency Centre for Wales. For services to immunology and rare diseases.

Rachel Anne Hollis — Lately Chair, Professional Nursing Committee, Royal College of Nursing and Honorary Nurse Advisor. For services to nursing.

MBE

Alison Simpson — Information Manager, Ophthalmology Department, NHS Tayside. For services to Scottish ophthalmology.

Anne Geraldine Moylan — Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Lecturer and Programme Leader in Neonatal Nursing. For services to neonatal nursing.

Corinne Ann Galletly — Lately Macmillan Team Lead, NHS Grampian. For services to nurse-led cancer services in Moray.

Dakshesh Harivadan Parikh — Lately Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services to paediatric surgery.

Dr Amanda Hensman-Crook — Consultant Physiotherapist. For services to physiotherapy.

Dr Arun Kumar Gupta — Consultant in Anaesthesia and NeuroCritical Care, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. For services to anaesthesia and critical care.

Dr Azhar Mahmood Chaudhry — General Practitioner, Thistle Moor Medical Centre, Peterborough. For services to the community

in Peterborough.

Dr Carl Samuel Waldmann — Lately Director, Intensive Care Unit, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust. For services to critical care.

Dr Deborah Faint — General Practitioner, Brownlow Health. For services to general practice for people experiencing homelessness.

Dr Diane Victoria Lavery — Lately Macmillan Nurse Consultant in Palliative and End of Life Care, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust. For services to palliative and end of life care.

Dr John Richard Buscombe — Lately Consultant in Nuclear Medicine, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. For services to nuclear medicine.

Dr Karen Jayne Juggins — Lead, Keep Stoke Smiling Dental Health Campaign and Consultant Orthodontist, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. For services to dentistry.

Dr Kavitha Pasunuru — Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Divisional Director, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. For services to mental health.

Dr Martin John Rolles — Clinical Oncologist, Swansea Bay University Health Board. For services to healthcare science and cancer care.

Dr Michael McBrien — Consultant Anaesthetist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. For voluntary service.

Dr Patricia Podmore — Consultant, Western Health Trust. For services to dermatology in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

Dr Roderick Mackenzie — Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. For services to emergency medicine.

Dr Simon James Lewis — Medical Director, Magpas Air Ambulance. For services to emergency care.

Evelyn Elizabeth Jean Smyth — Medicines Management Specialist Nurse, Southern Health & Social Care Trust. For services to healthcare.

Helen Robyn Atkinson — Director of Public Health, Portsmouth City Council. For services to public health.

Kiera Louise Jones — Lead Nurse, Skanda Vale Hospice. For services to nursing.

Lucy Jane Warner — Chief Executive, NHS Practitioner Health Service. For services to the NHS.

Professor Dafydd Gareth Richard Evans — Emeritus Professor of Medical Genetics, University of Manchester and Consultant in Medical Genetics. For services to medical

genetics.

Professor Stephen James Brett — Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Professor of Critical Care. For services to intensive care medicine.

Sara Jane Barr-Frost — Deputy Chief Nursing and Allied Health Professionals Officer, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. For services to nursing and allied health professions.

BEM

Alice Louise Wintergold — Consultant Clinical Scientist, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust. For services to people with hearing loss.

Catherine Mary Repton — Founder and Trustee, The Friends of the Baby Unit, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust. For services to neonatal care.

Debra Jayne Padgett — Pathology Network Operational Lead and Clinical Pathology Lead, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. For services to pathology.

Donna Rebecca Hilton — Youth Services Manager, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. For services to children and young people.

Dr David Martin Wright — Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services

to children and young people.

Dr Katie Louise Misselbrook — Consultant Anaesthetist, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services to children and young people.

Janet Mary Cooper — Lately Clinical Lead, Children's Speech and Language Therapies, Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. For services to speech and language therapy.

Josef Matthew Taylor — Consultant Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services to children and young people.

Juliet Ruth Mosney — NHS and Care Volunteer Responder, Royal Voluntary Service. For voluntary service.

Leanne Johanna Howlett — Expert by Experience and Specialist Perinatal Psychiatric Nurse, Institute of Health Visiting. For services to perinatal mental health.

Pundrique Radheyshyam Sharma — Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services to children and young people.

Roger David Mingins Walton — Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services to children and young people.

Vittoria Bucknall — Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. For services to children and young people.

Warren John Dunkley — Founder, Off the Ropes and Occupational Therapist, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust. For services to mental health and occupational therapy.