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We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2012-13 Innovating for Life Awards. *Infant* journal has joined forces with Cow & Gate to present the second Innovating for Life Awards, designed to reward innovation and creativity within maternity and neonatal teams to improve the care of infants.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the awards. We received some excellent entries and are delighted to announce the winners and shortlisted entries.

Winner of the neonatal category:

Audio-visual display monitor highlighting five infection control standards

Lead applicant: Ula El-Kafrawy, Consultant Neonatologist, Royal Bolton Hospital, Bolton
An audio-visual display monitor highlighting five infection control standards, namely, thorough hand washing, rolling up sleeves to the elbows, and removing jackets, jewellery and watches. Team members:

- Dr Robert Taylor, Medical Physicist, Salford Royal Hospital, Manchester
- Dr Natalie Francis, Spr Paediatrics, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
- Emaan Boussabaine, Medical Student, Imperial College, London
- Maysoon Badrideen, Medical Student, University of Liverpool

Winner of the midwifery category:

The establishment of a complementary therapy clinic for post dates low risk women

Lead applicant: Tara Pauley, Midwife, Hinchingbrooke NHS Trust, Cambridgeshire

The establishment of a complementary therapy clinic for post dates low risk women to attend, facilitating the onset of labour and reducing numbers of medical inductions.



Dr Robert Taylor and Dr Ula El-Kafrawy of the winning neonatal team.

Shortlisted entries in the neonatal category:

'I See You' parent communication website

Lead applicant: Susie Holt, Paediatrician, Wirral University Teaching Hospital, Wirral

'I See You' is a baby to parent communication website to help parents stay in touch with their baby during the difficult months spent receiving treatment on the neonatal intensive care unit.

Kangaroo Care – Knowledge, Innovation and Training (The Kangaroo-KIT)

Lead applicant: Dr Jennifer McGowan, Neonatal Researcher, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Medical Biology Centre, Belfast

An educational intervention for parents and staff to promote early skin-to-skin holding and kangaroo care for high-risk preterm infants.



The winners of the neonatal category of the 2012-13 Innovating for Life Awards were presented with their award at Royal Bolton Hospital on 22 April 2013. The presentation was attended by Consultant Neonatologist, Dr Ula El-Kafrawy and Medical Physicist, Dr Robert Taylor from the winning team, as well as Consultant Neonatologist and Medical Editor of *Infant*, Dr Anthony Emmerson and Helen Williams from Cow & Gate.

Steve Davies, Interim Programme Director at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, gave a brief speech at the presentation on the importance of innovation. He said: "Infection control is particularly important in a neonatal unit, so it is great to have awards such as this to support good ideas."

From left to right, Dr Anthony Emmerson, Dr Ula El-Kafrawy, Steve Davies, Dr Robert Taylor and Helen Williams.