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Physician of the Year Award for Kailash Chand OBE

Chair of NHS Tameside and Glossop Dr Kailash Chand's valued contribution to medicine was again recognised on Saturday 12 November, as he scooped the coveted Asian Diaspora Physician of the year 2011 award.

Now in their second year, these annual awards celebrate people of Asian-origin who have excelled in their respective fields including business, politics, the media, academia and enterprise.

In a glittering ceremony at the Sheridan Suite Manchester, sponsored by leading newspaper for the British-Asian Community 'Asian Life', around 400 dignitaries including Members of Parliament, representatives of the House of Lords, leading business figures, and Mayors applauded as Dr Kailash Chand walked on stage to collect his award.

Dr Chand said: "I am delighted to have received this prestigious award. The calibre of individuals nominated across of all the categories was incredible, and I feel honoured to have been recognised alongside them"

Before taking up his current post as Chair of NHS Tameside and Glossop in 2009, Dr Chand spent 25 years as a local General Practitioner in Ashton-Under-Lyne. He has received various other accolades over the years, including "Dedicated Doctor of the Year" by Doctor Magazine and the Royal College of GPs, "GP of the Year" from the Royal College of General Practitioners, and senior fellow of the British Medical Association. Dr Chand has been honoured for his longstanding commitment to the values of the NHS and received an OBE from the Princess Royal (Princess Anne) last November.

A veteran media commentator on a wide range of health issues, Kailash passionately believes in the need for a strong primary care sector to safeguard the public's health. He is a keen supporter of positive action to prevent illness both through education and legislative measures such as restrictions on tobacco and alcohol advertising.

Kailash has a special interest in promoting multi cultural understanding and as such is an active member of the Indian Medical Association. He was also actively involved in setting up a charity funded visiting Chair at Manchester University for Indian Languages, Culture and Philosophy, and has a wide knowledge of Indian and Urdu poetry.

Editor's notes

Dr Kailash Chand

Originally qualified in India, Dr Kailash Chand was a GP at Stamford House in Ashton for several years, he has worked as a GP since 1983, prior to which he was involved in hospital medicine in Britain.

Kailash has several years experience in community development through work with local governments and a wide range of community and statutory groups. Much of this work has been voluntary; demanding a wide range of skills and experience that included understanding policies, enabling projects for cultural development programmes and supporting infrastructure development of community groups. He has also raised awareness and addressed gaps in educational and cultural opportunities and provision for racial minorities.

Kailash gained the position as chair at NHS Tameside and Glossop in July 2009, he is also Chairman for Tameside & Glossop BMA and holds various positions on BMA committees, he serves as a member of various health and scrutiny panels within the local borough and is also the Vice Chairman of the International council of Indian languages and culture, which promotes Integration and understanding in multiracial Britain.

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