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## Winners of the 2013 Division of Forensic Psychology Awards, co-sponsored by Pearson Assessment, announced at this year's annual conference.

The winners of the 2013 Division of Forensic Psychology (DFP) Awards have been announced at this year's annual conference held in Belfast. The awards co-sponsored by Pearson Assessment, were presented at a ceremony that took place during the 22nd gala dinner at Titanic Belfast.

Dr Jo Bailey was awarded the 2013 Senior Award for Distinguished Contribution in Forensic Psychology. This award recognises an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to Forensic Psychology in the UK, and confers life membership of the DFP and a commemorative certificate was presented to Dr Bailey.

On receiving the award, Dr Bailey, Lead Psychologist, and Directorate of Public Sector Prisons, NOMS HQ commented:

"I am honoured to have been presented with the Distinguished Contribution in Forensic Psychology Senior Awarded by the Division of Forensic Psychology. I have always worked hard to provide the best service I am able both within my organisational role, as Head of the Psychology Profession for the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), and in my work over the years with the BPS through the DFP and the Qualifications Committee.

I have worked within HM Prison Service and NOMS since 1992 when I joined as a Psychological Assistant. Throughout my career I have endeavoured to continually improve my own practice and those aspects of forensic psychology which I have been able to influence. I was particularly touched by my nomination from a variety of organisational managers and psychologists who focussed on aspects of support, integrity and pushing for improvement and change."

Professor Leam Craig, Consultant Clinical Forensic Psychologist, was presented with the Senior Academic Award from the Division of Forensic Psychology, which looks to acknowledge an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to academic knowledge in forensic psychology. Professor Craig, spoke about the honour of receiving this years award:

"I am honoured and deeply humbled to receive the 2013 Senior Academic Award from the Division of Forensic Psychology. I am fortunate to share the intellectual companionship of a number of world renowned practitioners and researchers in the field of violent and sexual offender assessment, treatment and research both in the UK and overseas. These research collaborations have shaped and guided my thinking and understanding of sexual violence which has been a focus of my research at the University of Birmingham. It is hoped my research into the application of actuarial risk instruments and the assessment of clinical factors associated with sexual recidivism has practical value to forensic practitioners in the field."

The 2013 Junior Award in Forensic Psychology, was then awarded to Dr Ruth Tully, Forensic Psychologist (pictured on the right with Sales Consultant, Claire Parsons). This award focuses on the production of 'work of outstanding quality and innovation.' Dr Tully commented:

"Winning the award means a lot to me as it is recognition of my work from other members of my discipline. To be recognised for notable contribution



to forensic psychology relatively early in my career has further inspired me to really make a difference within the field through the work and enthusiasm that I put into it. I also hope that this award inspires other young practitioners to persevere with their work in this area, as challenging as it may be, in order to make a significant contribution to an important area of psychology.”

Pearson Assessment have been working with the Division of Forensic Psychology and proudly sponsoring the DFP Awards for the last six years. The awards reflect Pearson Assessment’s commitment to supporting professionals throughout their careers and recognising the achievements that have been made.

Our aims are echoed by Dr Ian Gargan, Clinical Director, and Chair of the Division of Forensic Psychology for the British Psychological Society (BPS) within the United Kingdom, who kindly acknowledged this partnership:

“Pearson and the Division of Forensic Psychology have always had a very productive and collaborative relationship. The evolution of this work together was evident during this year’s annual 2013 DFP conference, at Queens University Belfast. Pearson contributed to the academic debate, interaction and over-all learning of the event. The conference was a huge success and I as well as the DFP thank Pearson whole-heartedly for helping to achieve that success.

The Pearson stand informed psychologists and other clinical professionals about how their work can be facilitated and the sponsorship of junior as well as senior awards continues to enable the DFP to recognise the boldest and brightest among us. We look forward to continuing our relationship into 2014 and on to Glasgow for our next conference.”

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