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Ambulance medic honoured for more than 40 years of service

## London Ambulance Service medic honoured at Buckingham Palace

25 April 2017

**Tooting born medic Paul Smith, who has dedicated more than forty years of his life to saving Londoners, has been honoured by HM The Queen at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace today (25 April).**

Paul, who helped save countless lives in major incidents and played a key part in the capital's response to the Olympic Games in 2012, was presented with the prestigious Queen's Ambulance Service Medal.

The award also praised Paul's continual commitment to patient care and staff progression as part of his role as a sector delivery manager.

Peter McKenna, Deputy Director of Operations at London Ambulance Service said:

"Paul has spent two thirds of his life dedicated to serving the population of London, saving countless lives.

"In his first appraisal in 1976, Paul's supervisor said he would make a *'good and reliable ambulance man'*.

"More than forty years later, we can all agree that a truer word has never been spoken."

Speaking of his award, Paul said: "Starting out in the Service as a young boy from Tooting, I never expected to receive an award from HM the Queen.

"Over the last forty years, it has been an honour to work alongside our emergency service family and to see the members of staff I have helped to develop move on to greater things.

"I'm incredibly humbled to receive such high recognition for my career with the Service."

The Queen's Ambulance Service Medal (QAM) honours a very small, select group of ambulance crews and control room staff who have shown exceptional devotion to duty, outstanding ability, merit and conduct in their roles within NHS Ambulance Services.



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- We have over 5,000 staff, who work across a wide range of roles based in 70 ambulance stations.
- We serve more than nine million people who live and work in the London area. We take over 1.8 million emergency calls a year.
- For more information please contact the Communications Team on 020 7783 2286 or [communications@londonambulance.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@londonambulance.nhs.uk)

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Incident in Russell Square, WC1

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Prince Harry visits London Ambulance Service to launch Time to Talk Day

Innovator behind London's cycle paramedics praised at Healthcare Heroes exhibition

Fate brings man together with paramedic who helped save his life

Leadership team strengthened with two new non-executive directors

London Ambulance Service responds to Storm Doris

Card launched to improve safety of expectant mothers

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New spit kits issued to track down offenders who spit at London's life savers

Prince William visits ambulance staff who treated patients in Westminster attack

Stock up on medication ahead of the long weekend, warns ambulance service

Statement following an incident on Warburton Road, E8.

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Statement on the incident at London Bridge

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Investigation into 999 computer system outage on New Year's Day 2017

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