

# Press release: Dstl victory at Women in Defence UK Awards 2017

Three women from the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) were nominated in several categories at the Women in Defence UK Awards, with one, Jenni Henderson, taking home the Promotion of Gender Balance Award.

Cat Little, Civil Service Director General Finance, was among those presenting awards in front of more than 200 guests at the Plaisterers' Hall, London.

Jenni, Dstl's former Transformation Director, said:

I am absolutely thrilled. It's been a pleasure to promote gender balance at Dstl, and the accolade is in recognition of everyone at Dstl who strives to create an equal working environment for all.

This year's awards saw a 75 per cent increase in the number of nominations. [Women in Defence UK](#) exists for a community of people who wish to promote the value of women in defence, aiming to encourage women to succeed authentically, share experience, build networks and encourage talent at all levels to join the defence sector.

Acting Chief Executive David Marsh said:

It was a great evening and fascinating to hear about the work of all the nominees. I am very proud that we had 3 finalists from the lab across the various categories and I am thrilled that Jenni has been recognised for promoting gender equality. Jenni has worked hard to promote and role model gender balance across Dstl and Defence and the award is recognition of her leadership.

Also nominated from Dstl were Professor Isobel Norville, a finalist for the Emerging Talent Award, and Professor Joann Prior, for Most Collaborative Award.