

# Press release: DVLA's Commercial Development team wins Civil Service Award

DVLA's Commercial Development team took home the Skills Award last night (Thursday 23 November 2017) at the prestigious Civil Service Awards held in Lancaster House, London.

The Skills Award is presented for displaying excellence in promoting skills development and making a significant contribution to increasing skills and positive business outcomes. DVLA was recognised for its work in developing leaders within the civil service through the Commercial Leadership and Skills Support programme. The training focused on the development of specialist staff in strengthening the professional commercial skills base and growing a commercially astute team to lead change and implement improvements.

Emma Melrose, DVLA Head of Commercial Development, said:

I am absolutely delighted our team has been rewarded for the hard work they put in to creating and delivering the successful Commercial Leadership and Skills Support Programme. It is thoroughly well deserved and a fitting tribute to the hard work delivered by exceptional civil servants.

Each year the Civil Service Awards celebrate the success and wealth of inspirational individuals and innovative projects within the civil service. The Awards have been running for 12 years and are attended by departments right across the civil service. It helps to spread best practice right across government, sharing innovation, learning and leadership.

DVLA's online medical fitness to drive service was also shortlisted for the Digital Award. While they did not win on the night the service recently won the DigiLeaders100 and NextGen awards.

## **Notes to editors**

- The Civil Service Awards were held on Thursday 23 November in Lancaster House, Stable Yard, St. James's, London SW1A 1BB.
- The [Civil Service Awards](#) are a highly respected and prestigious cross-government programme.