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Working together with individuals, families and medical professionals to offer support and information on Syncope and Reflex Anoxic Seizures

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STARS CEO shortlisted for UK Charity Awards

Trudie Lobban, the Chief Executive of the charity STARS (Syncope Trust and Reflex anoxic Seizures) has been shortlisted for the UK Charity Awards 2004.

Mrs Lobban is a previous winner of the award in 2001 and was a runner up last year.

She was nominated in the Best Charity Principal category for her leadership of STARS particularly in the past year during the highly successful Arrhythmia Awareness Week campaign. The campaign contributed towards persuading the government to include heart rhythm disorders in a new chapter on Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death in the National Service Framework.

Mrs Lobban started STARS 12 years ago at her kitchen table in Warwickshire. Since then she has personally answered tens of thousands of letters, emails and phone calls from people across the world worried about syncope (blackouts or transient loss of consciousness) and Reflex Anoxic Seizures.

Reflex Anoxic Seizure is a heart rhythm disorder where a sudden shock or pain can cause the patient to suffer a 'mini cardiac-arrest'. Most people with the condition are children. They always recover from attack but can have many in a short space of time which can be debilitating both for the patient and their family.

Mrs Lobban's younger daughter suffers with RAS and STARS was started at the suggestion of her consultant after Mrs Lobban could find no information about the condition. She has worked voluntarily ever since to help other in her position.

Mrs Lobban said: "I'm delighted to have been recognised again by the UK Charity Awards. We have had such a busy year and have also launched a new charity, Arrhythmia Alliance, to make sure the progress we have made is pushed forward."

Trudie Lobban has been invited to sit on an expert panel at the Department of Health to help draft the new chapter in the NSF to ensure that diagnosis and treatment for syncope and RAS is improved across the NHS.

The UK Charity Awards Gala dinner is to be held on September 23rd in London.

Editor's Notes

1. For interviews or pictures with Mrs Lobban, please call 0800 0286362. or email trudie@stars.org.uk
2. The UK Charity Awards website is www.UKcharityawards.co.uk. STARS website is www.stars.org.uk.

PATRONS:

Prof John STEPHENSON, Prof Christopher MATHIAS, Prof Rose Anne KENNY, Dr William WHITEHOUSE, TWIGGY Lawson & Sir Roger MOORE



Winner: **Director of the Year 2001.**
Highly Commended:
Best New Charity 2001
Personality of the Year 2002 & 2003
Youth Volunteer of the Year 2003

Whitbread Volunteer Awards 2001

Highly Commended: **Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer in a health and social care**

Winner:
Regional Voluntary & Community

