

**Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust (RAFT)**

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**Northwood**

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### **RAFT celebrates 30 years with awards programme**

**Middlesex:** *Charity RAFT, announces plans of its prestigious awards programme as part of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.*

RAFT, whose headquarters are in Northwood, Middlesex, is responsible for some of the most ground-breaking research into practical solutions for children and adults who have affected by accidents, disease and birth defects. RAFT's aim is to help patients regain quality of life, independence and dignity after a major trauma.

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary awards programme consists of eight categories, each recognising the vital work that individuals, organisations and projects have made to patients' lives. Each category has four judges. We are incredibly honoured to have RAFT patron and ambassador, Ferrial Syed as one of our judges.

Ferrial, is a Senior Clinical Trials Practitioner at North Middlesex Hospital. Ferrial is responsible for overseeing the screening and recruitment of patients, as well as their treatment and collection of data. Ferrial graduated in Biological Sciences with Physiology & Pharmacology and she has a Master's in Cancer Therapeutics from Queen Mary University of London, Bart's Cancer Institute.

Patron and ambassador, Ferrial said: *"I am incredibly honoured to be asked to be a judge for RAFT's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary awards programme. The research work that RAFT undertakes has helped and will continue to help hundreds of patients. I am so proud to be involved with the awards programme and I hope they will raise awareness of the important work that these outstanding nominees contribute to the medical field."*

**[Extra information]** Nominations can be made up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Three shortlisted nominees from each category will be announced on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The awards ceremony will take place during a lunch at Buckingham Palace in October 2018.

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