STARS UNVEILS NEW ONLINE SYNCOPE HEALTHCARE PIONEER REPORT TO HONOUR THE MEMORY OF DR ADAM FITZPATRICK

For Immediate Release: 3 June 2020 - The arrhythmia community suffered a great loss with the unexpected death of Dr Adam Fitzpatrick on Sunday 19th January 2020. STARS and its sister charities have lost a passionate and committed member of our ‘team’; the healthcare community has lost an exceptional doctor; and the arrhythmia world will be a poorer place without Dr Fitzpatrick – however his legacy will live on with the ground-breaking research he published and his unique way of improving and delivering first-class arrhythmia services.

STARS (Syncope Trust And Reflex anoxic Seizures), Arrhythmia Alliance and AF Association are pleased to announce that his memory will live on through the “Dr Adam Fitzpatrick Lectures” to be held annually at Arrhythmia Alliance Heart Rhythm Congress and the STARS – Syncope Healthcare Pioneers Report, showcasing best practice in memory of Dr Adam Fitzpatrick. This annual report has been published this week to coincide with A-A World Heart Rhythm Week as Adam was one of the instigators of launching an awareness week in 2004. Adam believed in collaboration – he was passionate in bringing people together to achieve greater results – he sought perfection and was never satisfied, always seeking new, innovative ways of improving healthcare.

Trudie Lobban MBE, Founder of STARS and Arrhythmia Alliance shared the following words for the late Dr Adam Fitzpatrick, “You (Adam) had the expertise, knowledge and vision of what should and must happen to deliver first class arrhythmia services. You were like a tsunami, once you had the vision the solution just fell into place and nothing would get in your way until you achieved the unimaginable. People were blown away with your energy and passion.” Lobban and the Arrhythmia Alliance have unveiled the new online STARS Healthcare Pioneer Report in honour of Dr Fitzpatrick. Arrhythmia Alliance was founded on our ethos of collaboration – it is the only way to achieve the best for patients worldwide. Patients, healthcare communities and our industry colleagues working together to provide rapid diagnosis and access to appropriate treatments to restore the patient back to a person leading as active a life as possible. The STARS Syncope Healthcare Pioneers Report can be found at: http://www.syncopepioneers.org/

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STARS works together with individuals, families and medical professionals to alleviate the effects of and provide support and information on syncope and Reflex Anoxic Seizures, to those in distress as a result of these seizures, whether suffered by themselves or as a member of the family group. As well as to advance the education of the medical profession and the general public on the subject of syncope and Reflex Anoxic Seizures and its implications for the individual and family. Dr Adam Fitzpatrick was Chair of the STARS International Medical Advisory Committee and established the world’s first Rapid Access Blackout Clinic ensuring anyone with unexplained loss of consciousness was seen within two weeks, received a diagnosis and signposted along the correct care pathway leading to optimal treatment and quality of life. For more, visit: www.heartrhythmalliance.org

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