

## Caribbean and African Health Network Gala

Last month, Charlene Hyde, Clinical Trials Coordinator represented MFT at the 6<sup>th</sup> Caribbean and African Health Network (CAHN) Annual Gala. CAHN is a Manchester-based, black-led organisation set up to address the wider social determinants to eradicate health disparities for Caribbean and African people in the United Kingdom.

The network works with the black community and cross-sector organisations to build community resilience, relationships, and a social movement to improve health outcomes for black people.

**Charlene (pictured) said:** “Attending the event offered an excellent chance to deepen my understanding of CAHN’s initiatives and it was great that I was able to speak to people within the community and from UoM.

“CAHN does a lot of work within the community and so I will be discussing with the rest of my research team at MFT, how we can work together to improve the knowledge, understanding and health outcomes of patients with inherited conditions such as Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassaemia from the BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) community and give people within the North West and beyond the opportunity to be part of research.”

