Twelve top tips for managers

- **1.** Learn how to listen. Genuine two-way communication is vital.
- **2.** Recognise stress in yourself and others: too much can lead to burn-out.
- **3.** Manage your time. It's a finite resource. Analyse how you spend it.
- **4.** Get organised. Get on top of the paperwork and the information-overload.
- **5.** Leave work at work. Your brief case is not a home for lost documents.
- 6. Learn to delegate. But don't 'dump' or abdicate.
- If in doubt, ask. You can't know everything. People want you to succeed.
- **8.** If in doubt (2), sleep on it. Instant decisions are sometimes rash.
- **9.** Say thank you. Give positive strokes. Praise in public, criticise in private.
- **10.** Never stop planning. It's your job to think ahead.
- 11. Learn from your mistakes. Celebrate success and learn from failure.'A person who never made a mistake never made anything'.
- **12.** Be true to yourself.