



**Royal College of Nursing in Wales
Nurse of the Year Awards • 15 November 2017**

**THE SEARCH IS ON
TO FIND THE NEXT RCN WALES NURSE OF THE YEAR 2017**

The Royal College of Nursing in Wales will be holding its 6th annual RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year Awards in City Hall, Cardiff on Wednesday 15 November 2017. This esteemed ceremony showcases how valuable the nursing contribution is within health care in Wales and is a unique opportunity for individuals to be recognised for their outstanding achievements, including their positive influence on best nursing practice and improving patient care.

The awards exist to ensure that individual members of the nursing family are both recognised and rewarded for their work, which raises the standard of nursing practice and health care in Wales, as well as the wider nursing community as a whole.

Previous winners have seen prestigious outcomes from receiving their awards – from the publication of articles in nursing journals to presenting at high profile conferences or being interviewed by the Welsh media, all of which provides an opportunity to highlight their individual areas of practice.

Each year we receive a record number of entries, each of which highlight that nursing practice in Wales is continually improving in order to provide the highest standards of care for patients. We are looking forward to once again celebrating the best and brightest members of the nursing family in Wales for the sixth year running!

Finalists will be invited to the black-tie dinner and award ceremony on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at City Hall, Cardiff, which is a fantastic evening for finalists, their colleagues, friends and family, as well as all those involved with the nursing family in Wales.

Do you know the next RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year 2017? If so, celebrate their achievements, share their story and give them the recognition they deserve – **nominate your health care hero today!**

This year, there are 17 award nomination categories. In addition to the prestige associated with these awards, category winners will receive a trophy as well as a monetary award on the night, and the overall winner will receive the accolade of the RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year 2017.

All qualified nurses and midwives registered to practice in Wales, pre-registration nursing students and health care support workers are eligible to enter.

You can complete a nomination form via the RCN Wales website:

www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards

or by emailing nurseoftheyearawards@rcn.org.uk

The closing date for entries is **25 June 2017**.

This year's categories are:

- Chief Nursing Officer for Wales Award
- Children and Midwifery Award
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Award
- Community Nursing Award
- Health Care Support Worker Award
- Improving Individual and Population Health Award
- Innovation in Nursing Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Award
- Mentorship Award
- Nurse Education Award
- Nursing Student Award
- Older People's Commissioner for Wales Award
- Primary Care Nursing Award
- Registered Nurse (Adult) Award
- Research in Nursing Award
- Suzanne Goodall Paediatric Nursing Award

Celebrate excellence in nursing care by nominating the next RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year 2017.

We look forward to receiving your entries - good luck!

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