



Royal College
of Nursing
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RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards 2026

Sponsorship Brochure

Welcome to the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards 2026

Following on from the success of our awards in 2025, the Royal College of Nursing in Scotland is delighted to be holding our next Nurse of the Year Awards on 30 April 2026.

The awards are designed to raise the profile of nursing, to recognise, highlight, and celebrate the dedication and outstanding professional care of nursing staff across Scotland.

The RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards ceremony is a fantastic evening celebrating our nursing, midwifery, and health and care colleagues, promoting the achievements of all of our finalists and commending the contribution that nursing makes to the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland.

Without sponsorship, this important event would not be able to take place.



Why sponsor the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards?

Sponsoring the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the role that nursing plays in the health and wellbeing of our country.

The Awards provide sponsors with the opportunity to connect and develop lasting relationships with today's and future nursing leaders and discover the diversity of the profession.

The Royal College of Nursing is the world's largest nursing union and professional body. We represent over half a million nurses, midwives and nursing support workers across the UK and internationally, with over 52,000 members in Scotland. We are offering you the opportunity to promote your organisation to our members and to be associated with these esteemed awards.

The nomination process for the 2026 Awards is due to be launched in autumn of 2025, *and now is the time to get involved.*



The benefits of becoming a sponsor

The Nurse of the Year Awards give you a unique opportunity to network and engage with nurses at the forefront of patient care and to show your organisation as an advocate for one of Scotland's largest and well-respected professions.

Become part of our Awards and benefit from:

- ♦ **Networking** – You'll have the opportunity to network with finalists and eminent figures of the nursing community.
- ♦ **Support** – Be recognised as an advocate for one of the nations most loved and trusted professions.
- ♦ **Exposure** – Gain exposure amongst Scottish nursing staff with an integrated marketing campaign.
- ♦ **Targeted marketing** – Ensure your brand reaches your target audience by sponsoring a category within a specific field of nursing.
- ♦ **Brand loyalty** – Develop brand loyalty by supporting one of the largest bodies of working professionals in Scotland.



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The Awards Ceremony

Our glittering Awards ceremony will be held on 30 April 2026.

After extremely positive feedback from previous awards, the setting for this prestigious event will again be the breath-taking Grand Gallery in the National Museum of Scotland — Edinburgh's landmark museum that tells our nation's history from earliest time to present day.

With its soaring pillars and high windows, the light-filled atrium of the Grand Gallery is one of Scotland's most beautiful spaces.



Our award categories

We offer the opportunity to sponsor a wide range of nursing specialisms that will recognise the skills, innovation and excellence in practice demonstrated by Scotland's nurses, midwives and nursing support workers across the breadth of health and social care settings.



Adult Nursing Award

Care Home Nursing Award

Children's Nursing and Midwifery Award

Clinical Leadership Award

Inspiring Excellence:
Nursing Innovation and Research Award

Learning Disability Nursing Award

Learning in Practice Award

Mental Health Nursing Award

People's Choice Award

Nursing Student of the Year

Nursing Support Worker of the Year

Nursing Team of the Year

Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland Award for
Excellence

☆ RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year ☆

Sponsoring a category award — £5000+VAT

Pre-event promotion

- ♦ Your organisation name and logo will be featured on all marketing materials promoting the awards
- ♦ Your organisation name, logo, and a link to your website will be published on our RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year website
- ♦ A representative from your organisation will be invited to join the judging panel for your award.

Promotion during the award ceremony

- ♦ A representative and guest from your organisation will be invited to attend the awards ceremony and dinner
- ♦ Your organisation name and logo will be printed in the awards ceremony programme
- ♦ The name of your organisation will be printed on your selected award trophy and certificates
- ♦ The name of your organisation will be featured on promotional screens throughout the evening
- ♦ A representative from your organisation will present your award onstage alongside a senior member of the RCN's leadership.

Following the award ceremony

- ♦ Details of your organisation will be included in communication to the media on the award winners
- ♦ Sponsors are given first refusal on sponsoring their award in the next awards round.



Sponsoring the Nurse of the Year award — £10,000+VAT

By sponsoring our overall Scotland Nurse of the Year 2026 award your organisation will not only experience the promotional opportunities of the category award sponsors, including **pre-event promotion / promotion during the awards ceremony / promotion following the awards ceremony.**

You will also be named as our **Welcome Reception sponsor**. Kickstarting the event, our welcome reception is a key part of the celebration for our finalists and guests, providing networking opportunities with key health and social care stakeholders, MSPs, and nursing staff from across Scotland.



The sponsor of our overall Nurse of the Year garners increased exposure from a higher media interest. So no matter where in Scotland our winner is from, your organisation profile will be promoted across the country.

Previous coverage of our winner included:

- ◆ News articles featured in national and regional publications
- ◆ Radio interviews with our winner
- ◆ TV interviews with our winner
- ◆ Increased social media presence with lead photos depicting the special trophy



Kirsty Cartin
Scotland Nurse of the Year 2025

Other sponsorship opportunities

Costs will depend on the option you choose to sponsor

Event supporter — £1000+VAT

Your organisation will be featured during the event and in online and media content when referencing our sponsors.

Hospitality sponsors can choose to sponsor specific elements of our ceremony. Some examples include:

- ♦ Flowers for our award winners and finalists
- ♦ Table centre pieces

Please see contact details at the back of the brochure to discuss bespoke options.





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Get in touch

We would be delighted to speak to you regarding your interest in sponsoring an award or hospitality package for our RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards 2026.

To discuss options or bespoke packages, please contact us on the details below:

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