RCN Wales Nurse of the Year Awards 2022 - Nomination Guidance

The RCN Wales Nurse of the Year Awards will be celebrating its 10th anniversary hosting it prestigious awards ceremony on Wednesday, 9th November 2022 at City Hall, Cardiff.

We encourage applications across all areas of nursing as we aspire to be a world-class champion of equality, diversity and inclusion.

The awards are open to registered nurses, nursing students, midwives and health care support workers working in Wales who've led/initiated changes in practice within 18 months of entering the competition. An individual may be nominated for one category only. Joint nominations, of no more than two people, will only be considered if the nominees can clearly demonstrate that the work undertaken was of a joint nature. On the night of the awards an individual Registered Nurse chosen from the category winners will be announced and given the accolade of RCN Wales Nurse of the Year 2022.

Awards Categories

- Advanced and Specialist Nursing Award
- Care of the Older Person Award
- Chief Nursing Officer for Wales Award
- Children and Midwifery Award
- Community Nursing Award
- Health Care Support Worker Award
- Improving Individual and Population Health Award
- Innovation and Digitalisation in Nursing Award
- Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Award
- Supporting Education and Learning in Practice
- Nurse Education Award
- Nursing Student Award
- Primary Care Nursing Award
- Registered Nurse (Adult) Award
- Supporting Improvement Through Research Award
- Suzanne Goodall Paediatric Palliative Care Nursing Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

We welcome nominations for the RCN Wales Lifetime Achievement Award, which aims to recognise an inspirational nurse from the Independent Health and Social Care Sector, Third Sector, NHS or Local Authority, who has made a significant impact on the nursing profession or health care provision over a sustained period of time.

How to Nominate

Online nomination forms, along with the criteria for each award category, are available on the RCN Wales website. See contact details below.

Complete the nomination form process in one application; you will not be able to save the form. Please ensure you have the workplace and contact details for the nominee and the verifier ready before completing the form. Please tell us the reasons 'why' you have chosen to nominate this individual and provide sufficient evidence of how the nominee meets each of the award criteria. We appreciate this takes time to complete and we would like to highlight the importance of using the full 500-words during the nomination application. The nominator should clearly set out how the nominee has given exceptional service as follows:

- address each of the award criteria points in your submission.
- evidencing how they exceed expectations; performing at a level above and beyond normal benchmarks.
- evidencing how they have made important and significant contributions in their role.





Further Guidance:

- The closing date for nominations is Thursday, 30 June 2022. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.
- Unsure what to include in your nomination? Visit our website for helpful hints and tip videos:
- We encourage nominations from patients—if you need any guidance or support to chose a category be sure to contact us via 02920 680746.
- The selection of award finalists will be made by a panel of judges.
- Awards are non-transferable and the judges' decision is final.
- If short-listed, the candidate will be required to attend an interview in **September 2022**.
- Attendance at the interview and awards ceremony is mandatory. Inability to attend will disqualify candidates from the 2022 judging process. However, candidates will be encouraged to resubmit their nomination in the following year.
- The RCN reserves the right to disqualify any candidate at any stage of the selection process if it is considered to be in the best interest of the nursing and midwifery profession.

For more info...

Visit www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards or email nurseoftheyearawards@rcn.org.uk

