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Where quality and excellence is recognised...and where personal and professional development is realised

Through the success of the Royal College of Nursing in Wales Nurse of the Year Awards, it was recognised there was an opportunity to further develop, enhance and capitalise on the knowledge and experience of the finalists. The publication of RCN Wales' The Future of Nursing Education in Wales (March 2016), highlighted the importance of supporting and developing career pathways including; clinical, managerial, clinical academics, education, research to Nurse Director level.

It was therefore decided to develop an innovative initiative, the **RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year Alumni Network**. This exciting enterprise will offer a clear pathway of personal and career development opportunities and exposure. The Alumni Network will create a highly engaged consortium of individual excellence of innovative nurse leaders who will promote nursing within Wales and externally, both nationally and internationally. This will lead to a career profile of exceptional achievers who will, through the art and science of nursing, ensure the safe delivery of contemporary practice, based on rigorous and robust evidence.

Strategic Partners include:

NHS Wales Chairs/ Confederation - to actively support the establishment of the NOTY Alumni enabling employers to value development of staff in this arena and to support them to undertake opportunities.

Bangor and Swansea Universities – to develop the academic profile of the Alumni Network and to seek accreditation for their achievements. To enable research activities thus providing the opportunity for the development of new evidence based practice that can be disseminated nationally and internationally.

Royal College of Nursing- to consider applications to credential the clinical and academic achievements of the Alumni Network exploring opportunities for RCN Fellowships.

Royal College of Nursing in Wales - to consider offering the Clinical Leadership Programme, the Political Leadership Programme and Media training.

RCNi - to offer peer support in relation to writing for publication and to raise the profile of the NOTY Alumni and to utilise authors to share best practice in academic journals.

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