The RCN Wales is delighted to be hosting the eighth annual Nurse of the Year Awards on the 13 November 2019 at City Hall, Cardiff.

Any individual may nominate a candidate for these awards. The awards are open to all 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 in Wales Nurse of the Year 2019.

Awards Categories
- Advanced and Specialist Nursing 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 in Nursing Award
- Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Award
- Mentorship Award
- Nurse Education Award
- Nursing Student Award
- Primary Care Nursing Award
- Registered Nurse (Adult) Award
- Supporting Improvement Through Research Award
- Suzanne Goodall Paediatric Nursing Award

Lifetime Achievement Award
We also welcome nominations for the RCN in Wales Lifetime Achievement Award, which aims to recognise an inspirational nurse from the independent sector, NHS or third sector, who has made a significant positive 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: [www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards](http://www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards)

The online nomination form must be completed in one go; you will not be able to save the form. Therefore, please make sure you have workplace and contact details for the nominee and the verifier ready before completing the form.

You’ll be asked to submit, in no more than 500 words, the reason for nomination. Please ensure you evidence how the nominee meets each of the award criteria. It would be a good idea to have this completed and saved in a text document in advance, ready to copy and paste into the online nomination form.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 21 June 2019. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

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Please note:
- The selection of award finalists will be made by a panel of judges.
- The information you provide on the nomination form will be used as part of the shortlisting process.
- Awards are non-transferable and the judges’ decision is final.
- If short-listed, the candidate will be required to attend an interview in September 2019 (date and time to be confirmed by RCN Wales).
- Attendance at the interview and awards ceremony is mandatory. Inability to attend will disqualify candidates from the 2019 judging process and candidates will be encouraged to resubmit their nomination form 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.

Visit [www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards](http://www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards) or email nurseoftheyearawards@rcn.org.uk