



RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year Awards 2018 Nomination Guidance Note

The RCN Wales is delighted to be hosting the seventh annual Nurse of the Year Awards on the 14 November 2018 at City Hall, Cardiff.

The Awards are open to all registered nurses, nursing students, midwives and health care support workers working in Wales. Nominees must have led / initiated changes in practice within 18 months of entering the competition. Any individual may nominate a candidate for these awards.

The awards categories are:

- 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
- Older People's Commissioner for Wales Award
- Primary Care Nursing Award
- Registered Nurse (Adult) Award
- Safeguarding Award – **new for 2018**
- Supporting Improvement through Research Award
- Suzanne Goodall Paediatric Nursing Award

An individual may be nominated for **one category only**. Joint nominations of no more than two people, will only be considered if they demonstrate clearly that the work undertaken was of a joint nature.

Lifetime Achievement Award

RCN in Wales Lifetime Achievement Award aims to recognise an inspirational nurse who has made a significant positive impact on the nursing profession or health care provision over a sustained period of time. We welcome nominations from those who wish to highlight a nurse from the independent sector, NHS or third sector who they believe merits this recognition.

Nurse of the Year 2018

The overall winner of Nurse of the Year 2018 is an individual chosen from the category winners who are a Registered Nurse. On the night of the awards the winner be announced and will receive the accolade of the RCN in Wales Nurse of the Year 2018.

How to Nominate

Online application forms for all award categories are available from the RCN Wales website:
www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards

Closing date for all nomination forms is Sunday 24 June 2018.

Application forms received after the closing date will not be considered.

Please note the online form must be completed in one go, you **will not** be able to save the form. Therefore please make sure you have the following information ready before attempting to complete this form:

- Nominee information - place of work, contact details
- Verifier information - place of work, contact details

Please note this information will be used as part of the Nurse of the Year 2018 shortlisting process.

You will 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 before starting the online nomination form (saved as a text document to enable you to copy and paste into the on-line form).

The selection of Award winners 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 2018, date and time to be scheduled by RCN Wales.

Attendance at the interview and awards ceremony is mandatory. Inability to attend will disqualify candidates from the 2018 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.

For more information please visit our website:
www.rcn.org.uk/wales/get-involved/awards

Alternatively email: nurseoftheyearawards@rcn.org.uk