**Chief Nursing Adult Social Care**

The Chief Nursing Adult Social Care awards have been developed to reward the significant and outstanding contribution made by Social care workers and nurses in England and their exceptional contribution to nursing and Social care. The addition of the Adult Social Care workforce to these national awards for exceptional individuals demonstrates the recognition across the whole health and social care system of excellence

1. These awards recognise the enormous range of skills, expertise, and enduring compassion that modern nursing care represent. They celebrate nurses and care workers in social care who go above and beyond their everyday roles to provide excellent care, leadership and inspiration to their colleagues and patients and those who use services.
2. Criteria for receiving gold and silver awards are outlined below. Criteria, eligibility and process have been developed to ensure that recipients are recognised by the nursing and care worker community for their excellent contribution to improving nursing and care.
3. Each award recipient will be encouraged to become a Social Care Ambassador[[1]](#footnote-1); a role that involves taking every opportunity to raise the profile of the nursing and care profession both in the public arena and within the workplace with students and colleagues to help improve and transform the perception of theSocial Care Workforce.

**Gold awards**

1. **Criteria for gold awards**
	1. The gold award is for outstanding achievements, and performance demonstrated by a nurse or Social Care Worker in their sphere of practice. This may be clinical practice, education, research, leadership. The award recognises the exceptional contribution by an individual with a distinguished career in nursing or Social Care.
	2. This individual is a role model for others, achieving the highest standard in their area of clinical practice and has made a significant contribution to the quality of care received by users of servicesand their families.
	3. This may include having had significant impact on health within a community.
	4. This individual has demonstrated innovative practices / entrepreneurship within their area of practice.
2. **Eligibility for gold awards**
	1. Nurse or Midwife with current NMC registration or Care worker working in adult social care in England.
	2. This may only be awarded to individuals not teams.
	3. Nominations must be submitted and approved through the process below.
	4. Individuals must meet the principles of the fit and proper person test and not subject to any disciplinary or regulatory action.

**Process**

1. **Process for gold and silver award nominations**
	1. Nominating organisation completes the form (Annex 1). All nominations require two signatures.
	2. Nominations require a signature from the Chief Nurse/ Director of Nursing.
	3. They require a second signature which can include a line manager or member of the senior nursing or the Registered Manager.
	4. Where possible nominations should also be signed by the care organisation CEO.
	5. All completed nominations will be reviewed and approved by Chief Nursing Officer ASC, NHS England and NHS Improvement Senior Management team for Nursing.
	6. Gold awards will be presented by the Chief Nursing Officer ASC.
	7. Silver awards may be presented by Chief Nursing Officer ASC, DCNOs, Regional Chief Nurses or Regional Leads.
	8. When a team (10 maximum) of registered nurses or Social Care workers have successfully been nominated for a silver award, all members will receive an award.
	9. Communication/Media
		1. All award recipients will be listed on the CNO Officer ASC pages on the DHSC website.
		2. @teamCNO and Chief Nurse for Social Care will promote via social media using appropriate images and hashtags (#thankyounurse/idk #thankyoucareworker) with consent from recipient.
		3. An announcement will be made in the CNO bulletin.
		4. Recipients will be sent a digital certificate.
		5. Recommended text to include in recipient email signature and twitter profile – *Gold / Silver Chief Nursing and Care Worker Award winner 2021*
		6. Support award recipient’s own media - eg with supporting statement from Chief Nursing Officer ASC.

**When returning the form please copy in your regional chief nurse for their information.**

**If you have a query about process or criteria in relation to a nomination you wish to make, please contact us at details on the nomination forms.**

**Annex 2 - gold award nomination form**

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| **Details of person making nomination** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Organisation**  |  |
| **Contact details (email and phone)** |  |
| **Name of counter signature** |  |

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| **Details of the award nominee** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Band**  |  |
| **Home address**  |  |
| **Date of birth**  |  |
| **Length of service in post and NHS** |  |
| **Organisation**  |  |
| **Contact details (email and phone)** |  |
| **Ethnicity\*** |  |
| **Nomination rationale (500 words)**. |

**Form submission**

* **A Chief Nursing Officer for Adult Social Care award** nomination should be sent to the office of CNO at: CN-ASC@dhsc.gov.uk
* **Nomination emails should be marked ‘CNO ASC award nomination – Confidential’**

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| **Office use:**Award type:Event: Date:CNO / CMO or SMT member:Demographic/Diversity assessment: |

1. The ambassador roles involve raising the reputation and awareness of the significant contribution nurses and midwives make to safer patient care. Awardees will be contacted with further information by the NHS England perceptions team. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)