



OUR HEALTH HEROES AWARDS 2018

<http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/OHH2018>

Key Stakeholder Pack

We need your help!

Following the success of the Our Health Heroes Awards in 2016 and 2017, the Our Health Heroes Awards return once again, to celebrate the contribution made by the unsung heroes of the healthcare workforce across the UK.

This year, the awards will commend and celebrate even more of the UK's Healthcare Heroes with two brand new categories, with the key aim of giving recognition to even more of our nation's healthcare staff and the organisations they work in - we do not want their hard work to go unnoticed.

We are searching for individuals, teams and organisations who go beyond the call of duty, who are creative, innovative and need to be recognised!

We need your help and support to spread the word and encourage as many nominations as possible...

This year's categories:

- **Operational services support worker of the year award 2018**

The Operational Services Support Worker of the Year 2018 Award recognises the significant contribution operational services support workers make to the health sector. To discover who is eligible, and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

- **Clinical support worker of the year award 2018**

This award celebrates the input of clinical support workers in the direct delivery of care within the health sector. To discover who is eligible, and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

- **Apprentice of the year award**

The Apprentice of the Year Award celebrates the contribution made by an apprentice within their organisation. To discover who is eligible, and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

- **Workforce planning team of the year award**

This category looks to celebrate excellence in integrated workforce planning. Winners of this award will have succeeded in identifying innovative and cost-effective solutions to address workforce or

organisational issues that have had a negative impact on clients. To discover more about this award and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

- **Integrated team of the year award**

The Integrated Team of the Year Award will be given to a group of people operating as a 'team' to deliver person-centred, integrated care across professional, organisational and/or sector boundaries. To discover more about this award and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

and the **NEW** categories for 2018:

- **Staff retention and wellbeing employer of the award**

This new award will be given to an organisation which has demonstrated a clear, significant and sustainable improvement in staff retention rates and the wellbeing of its workforce.

One outstanding employer of the year will receive the award at the ceremony, but highly commended employers will also be mentioned. To discover more about this award and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

- **Lifetime achievement award #NHS70**

New to the awards for 2018, this category will celebrate an individual who can demonstrate achievement within healthcare over the course of their career. Nominations can be made by managers, colleagues or service users/individuals and carers.

Bronze, silver and gold awards will be presented at the ceremony. To discover more about this award and the assessment criteria, please click [here](#).

Key dates for your calendar:

- Open for entries – **Friday 10th August 2018**
- Final nomination deadline – **Sunday 16th September 2018 (midnight)**
- Shortlist announcement and public vote opens – **Thursday 25th October 2018**
- Public vote closes – **Thursday 8th November 2018**
- Awards ceremony – **Friday 23rd November 2018**

What we need you to do - Please share the information with all employees / team managers / heads of departments to encourage nominations and promote the awards and nominations via your social channels. You can circulate this link <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW> and use hashtag #OurHealthHeroes

We have drafted some copy for you to circulate on email/newsletters:

(short version)

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The seven award categories recognise the contribution of healthcare workers and employers from a range of facilities across the UK. If you know an individual, team or organisation that is doing something exceptional then please nominate them by midnight on Sunday 16th September via: <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW>

(long version)

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The awards recognise the contribution of healthcare workers and employers from a range of facilities across the UK. As proud sponsors, we would like to see nominations submitted for the **Apprentice of the Year; Workforce Planning Team of the Year; Integrated Team of the Year**; Lifetime Achievement Award #NHS70; Staff Retention and Wellbeing Employer of the Year; **and the Clinical Support and Operational Services Support Worker of the Year.**

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SOCIAL MEDIA - As well as sharing your own messages of support for the awards, please feel free to share our content which will go out regularly during the campaign. Follow us by searching @skillsforhealth and @nsa_health on Twitter and via the Skills for Health and National Skills Academy for Health pages on Facebook.

When posting any content about the awards onto social media, please use the campaign hashtag **#OurHealthHeroes**.

Here are a few social post suggestions:

- We are proud to support the #OurHealthHeroes Awards. Nominate someone who goes above and beyond today! <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW>
- Nominations are now open for the #OurHealthHeroes Awards 2018. Do you know someone who deserves some recognition? Nominate them via <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW>
- Recognise and promote the hard work of our nation's Healthcare Heroes <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW> #OurHealthHeroes
- Do you know someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty? Nominate them today #OurHealthHeroes <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW>
- If you know anyone who contributes significantly to your team or department then please nominate them to be one of #OurHealthHeroes. <http://bit.ly/2O1qyhW>

If you're able to attend the launch event, please feel free to take photos and share them with us and your followers. Tag in our accounts or simply use the hashtag #OurHealthHeroes

ENTRY PROCESS - To enter, you will need to head our nomination portal and complete our simple online form [HERE](#) - it will take less than 10 minutes!

Key points:

- We kindly request that you have the nominee's permission prior to submitting any nominations.
- Each nomination must be submitted on a separate form. You can submit as many nominations as you wish for staff in your hospital, however, we would only count one entry per nominee.
- You will have 500 words to highlight why you think they deserve an Our Health Heroes Awards 2018.

The deadline for entries is **midnight on 16th September 2018.**

If you need further information, please contact us via email at OHHAwards@skillsforhealth.org.uk or call **0117 910 2272**.

