



ENTRY FORM

Maternity Support Worker of the Year Award

Thank you for choosing to enter the RCM Awards. Before you complete the entry form please take a moment to read through the below information carefully as it contains important information regarding your entry such as, deadlines, word limits and details about what will happen if you are shortlisted for your category.

Eligible: A maternity support worker (MSW) (any individual who is employed to support midwives in the care of childbearing women, the newborn and their families) who is an RCM member.

Individual or team category: You can submit an entry for an individual only

Entry or nominated: Entrants can either self nominate or submit a nomination for a colleague. Any RCM member may nominate an individual MSW. However, it is expected the MSW(s) will attend and present at the judging day if shortlisted. RCM Member MSWs may also enter directly.

Category description: This award recognises the importance and value of Maternity Support Workers (MSW) in providing holistic care to women and their families. Nominees will be positive role models and examples of the contribution that MSWs make within the maternity team. The award will be made to an MSW who can demonstrate that the development of their role in supporting midwives has led to improved care.

The judges are looking for:

- Evidence of impact on service delivery, including the benefits to women and their babies and the maternity service
- Detail of how the role of the MSW has been developed and evaluated
- Evidence of how the MSW role is incorporated with the wider maternity team
- Personal leadership qualities that are recognised within the team

Entry deadline: 11 January 2023

**All entries must be submitted online via the RCM Awards website: www.rcmawards.com*

Submission Rules:

In order to ensure a smooth and efficient entry process we ask that you follow some simple rules:

- Your entry form **must be anonymous**. If the judges are able to identify your entry, it may be disqualified.
- The word count for entries is **750 words** (This includes all sections of the entry form). References are not included in this word count. If your entry does exceed this word limit you run the risk of being disqualified.
- Make sure that you are completing the correct entry/nomination form for your category.
- Select categories allow the entrant to supply supporting documentation. If this applies to your category please supply it as a separate document and limit it to 3 single sided A4 pages.
- You must complete the official entry form. Other documents cannot be accepted.

What happens next?

- The shortlist will be announced in February 2023. All entrants will receive an email notifying them when the shortlist is announced.
- All shortlisted entrants are expected to attend an individual judging day to present their project to a panel of judges. Please note that the RCM cannot reimburse or cover midwives' travel and/or accommodation costs to attend the interview days or the awards day.
- A maximum of two complimentary tickets will be provided for each shortlisted entry for the named entrant, or entrants, or nominated entrant and their nominee to attend the RCM Awards event held on 19 May 2023 in London.

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR NHS ORGANISATION NAME ON THIS FORM. THIS ENTRY MUST BE ANONYMOUS**

SUMMARY OF THE PERSONAL QUALITIES OF THE NOMINEE – WHAT MAKES THIS PERSON SPECIAL?

PROVIDE A CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE OF THE MSW AND HOW IT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO WOMAN CENTRED COMPASSIONATE CARE

DETAIL HOW THE DEPLOYMENT OF MSW(s) HAS ENABLED AN EFFECTIVE SKILL MIX TO THE BENEFIT OF MOTHERS AND BABIES

PROVIDE A CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE MSW HAS DEVELOPED THEIR LEARNING AND SKILLS

HOW DOES THE MSW CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM? PLEASE DESCRIBE THEIR ROLE AND ACCOUNTABILITY