ENTRY FORM

Outstanding Contribution to Midwifery Services: Pregnancy Loss & Bereavement Care

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: Any RCM member midwife, student midwife, maternity support worker or maternity team
Individual or team category: You can submit an entry for either an individual or for a team
Entry or nominated: Entrants can either self nominate or submit a nomination for a colleague

Category description: This award recognises excellence in bereavement care provision by maternity staff for women and their families when a baby dies. This award will go to a midwife, student midwife, maternity support worker or maternity team who provide high quality, parent-centered, empathic and safe bereavement care. This is an award for someone or a team that is passionate and committed to delivering best practice in bereavement care. Perhaps they have introduced innovative guidance, structure or policies to ensure excellent care and improved parent experience when a baby dies.

The judges are looking for:

- Demonstrates a strong commitment to delivering excellent bereavement care
- Shows evidence of an initiative or service development which has worked in practice to improve bereavement care
- Has delivered a standard of care beyond that reasonably expected from all maternity staff
- Works in partnership with MSLCs/MVPs or parent groups to inform and influence service change

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 ENTRY *(Approx 100 words)*

DETAIL THE COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS TO SUPPORT BOTH THROUGH PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT

DESCRIBE YOUR APPROACH TO PREGNANCY LOSS & BEREAVEMENT CARE

DESCRIBE AN EXAMPLE OF AN INITIATIVE INTRODUCED TO DEVELOP THE MATERNITY BEREAVEMENT SERVICE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PARENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND MATERNITY STAFF

OUTLINE HOW YOU SUPPORT STAFF IN THE PROVISION OF CARE TO PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

DESCRIBE HOW THIS CARE HAS BEEN EVALUATED AND PLANS FOR SUSTAINABILITY