



MATERNITY SUPPORT WORKER OF THE YEAR

ENTRY CRITERIA

Eligible: A Maternity Support Worker (MSW) member of the RCM

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

Eligible to nominate: Any RCM member may nominate an MSW; any RCM member MSW may enter. However, it is expected the MSW will attend and present at the judging day if shortlisted.

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 exemplars 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 recognized within the team

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.
- You must complete the official entry form. Other documents cannot be accepted.
- As part of the entry, you can supply supporting documentation. It must be supplied as one, separate document and limit it to 3 single sided A4 pages. Any additional material may not be reviewed.
- All shortlisted entrants are expected to attend an individual judging day in Central London to present their project to a panel of judges.

Please note: all entries must be submitted online via the RCM Awards website: www.rcmawards.com

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY NAMES OR NHS TRUST/BOARD OR UNIVERSITY NAMES ON THIS FORM. THIS ENTRY MUST BE ANONYMOUS**

PROVIDE A BRIEF 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