



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

ENTRY CRITERIA

Eligible: Any RCM member

Individual or team category: You can submit an for either a multi agency or multi-disciplinary teams

Entry or nominated: Entrants can either self nominate or submit a nomination for a colleague

Category description:

This award is for the midwifery or maternity team (encompassing midwives, midwifery educators, the medical team, maternity support workers/nursery nurses, allied health professionals and others) that is able to demonstrate attributes of dynamism, commitment and enthusiasm, and high levels of excellent inter-professional partnership with others.

The award will recognize a team that may have designed a unique way of working or model of care within a contemporary maternity service. The team will be one that has an appropriate skill mix and an innovative and consistently high-quality approach to the provision of care to women, their babies and families. It may include a team providing routine or specialist maternity care.

This project or initiative will be one in which midwives demonstrate active involvement and collaboration with the multidisciplinary team and involve service users/local community to develop models of care built on principles of partnership, accountability and professional excellence.

The judges are looking for:

- A clear description of the team composition and ways of working including identification of the problem to be solved, rationale for the approach, context, planning and implementation
- Evidence of needs assessment that included the community
- How was the team chosen/what was the process for choosing team members
- How the team members work together to enhance care provision with explicit detail about how the team worked collaboratively with service users, the multidisciplinary team, other agencies and stakeholders to achieve their aims
- Evidence of how regulated and non-regulated roles integrate for seamless care
- Implementation and evaluation strategies
- Evaluation of impact of project including sustainability, transferability and lessons learnt.

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 can 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 CLEAR BACKGROUND & RATIONALE FOR THE PROJECT/INITIATIVE

DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCESS OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING MULTI-PROFESSIONAL TEAMS AND SERVICE USERS (WOMEN AND FAMILIES)

DESCRIBE THE PROCESS OF PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

HOW HAS THIS INITIATIVE CONTRIBUTED TO IMPROVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN CARE DELIVERY:

- HOW PARTNERSHIP CAN CONTRIBUTE AND THE WIDER BENEFITS OF CARE DELIVERY
- HOW THE PROJECT HAS RAISED AWARENESS AND HOW THIS HAS BEEN CASCADED LOCALLY AND WHAT POTENTIAL EXISTS

ILLUSTRATE THE BENEFITS/OUTCOMES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR THE INITIATIVE TO ENABLE MIDWIVES TO WORK MORE BROADLY WITH MATERNITY AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES, AND HOW THIS MIGHT BE SUSTAINED