



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MIDWIFERY SERVICES: PREGNANCY LOSS & BEREAVEMENT CARE

ENTRY CRITERIA

Eligible: Any RCM member

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 other parent groups to inform and influence service change

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**

DESCRIBE YOUR APPROACH TO PREGNANCY LOSS & BEREAVEMENT CARE

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

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

EXPLAIN HOW THIS INITIATIVE MIGHT BENEFIT AND BE DISSEMINATED TO THE WIDER MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY