



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MIDWIFERY SERVICES: IMPROVING SAFETY AND QUALITY OF 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:

While all midwives have a role in improving quality and safety of care, this award recognizes an individual or team that has developed or led a specific project, change or innovation in practice with proven success and demonstrable outcomes of improved safety and quality of care with in any maternity setting.

It will be awarded to an individual member or group of members/team who are able to demonstrate innovation, dynamism, and commitment to ensure women and their families receive the best care possible.

The judges are looking for:

- Delivery of an outstanding project, change or innovation to improve safety and quality of care that provides an example for others to follow
- Can provide a clear description of the initiative and the rationale for its development
- Can demonstrate the impact of their initiative, evidencing how it worked in practice to improve care
- Can evidence sustainability and how the change has been embedded in practice

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**

DESCRIBE THE INITIATIVE/PROJECT AND THE RATIONALE FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT

EXPLAIN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS INCLUDING ANY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED

DESCRIBE THE IMPACT OF YOUR INITIATIVE, INCLUDING EXAMPLES OF HOW IT HAS WORKED IN PRACTICE AND IMPROVED CARE

DESCRIBE HOW THIS INITIATIVE/PROJECT HAS BEEN EMBEDDED INTO PRACTICE.

DESCRIBE HOW THIS INITIATIVE/PROJECT HAS BEEN EVALUATED AND PLANS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

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