



ENTRY FORM

Excellence in Midwifery for Leadership

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

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

Category description: An individual who has led a project, a change, an innovation, a service or a team of proven success or excellent performance in any maternity setting: practice, education or research at any level.

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate that through their leadership their working environment is respectful, supportive, high achieving and focused on facilitating the highest standards of care for women and their families

The judges are looking for:

- A strong communicator with the ability to inspire & motivate through words and actions, embracing collaboration and creativity
- Passionate and committed to maternity care
- A positive role model
- An innovative and inclusive leader
- Able to demonstrate sustainability and change cultures

Please note: 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 March 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)*

DESCRIBE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SPEARHEADED LEADERSHIP IN MIDWIFERY AND WHO IS INSPIRATIONAL TO OTHER STAFF WORKING IN THE MATERNITY SERVICE

EXPLAIN THE PERSONAL VISION OF LEADERSHIP THAT INSPIRES OTHERS CREATIVITY AND ENCOURAGES COLLABORATION

PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MIDWIVES & MSWS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HEALTH OF WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES

HOW HAS THE ENTRANT SHOWN COMMITMENT TO LIFELONG LEARNING & PERSONAL GROWTH

EXPLAIN HOW THE ENTRANT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MATERNITY THROUGH CONSISTENT AND OUTSTANDING EXCELLENCE IN DELIVERING CARE, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT OR SCHOLARSHIP