



Press Release

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Dr Crystal Oldman awarded CBE in Queen's Birthday Honours List

Dr Crystal Oldman, Chief Executive of The Queen's Nursing Institute, has been awarded a CBE for services to the charity and to community nursing in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Dr Oldman joined the QNI in November 2012. Previously she worked in the NHS for 18 years, the majority of which was in the field of community nursing, working with some of the most deprived communities in west London. She has a passion for learning, teaching and research to support best practice and in 1994 joined Buckinghamshire New University as a senior lecturer, to develop a variety of community nursing programmes.

Crystal enjoyed an academic career for a further 18 years, completing her Higher Education career as Dean of Enterprise and Business Management in the Faculty of Society & Health, where her role included the development of partnerships with external agencies to promote research and assist in workforce development. Crystal's interest in leadership and management inspired her doctoral studies into the knowledge, skills and attributes of middle managers, completed in 2014.

'I am thrilled to have been recognised for my services to Community Nursing and my leadership of The Queen's Nursing Institute.

'The QNI celebrates its 130th anniversary this year and I am privileged to work with a talented team of staff and trustees who are totally committed to high quality care for communities, patients, families and carers at every stage of peoples' lives.

'As the chief executive of the oldest professional organisation for nurses in the UK, I am mindful that my contribution is a small part in a very long and significant history of a unique organisation founded by William Rathbone with Florence Nightingale.

'It is a charity where the vision and purpose are as relevant today as they were in 1887, supporting excellent nursing care in the community, wherever and whenever it is needed, delivered by the right nurse with the right skills.

'Queen's Nurses, who support the work of the QNI, are shining examples of practitioners who represent the golden thread of the highest standards of patient-centred care in the community which Florence Nightingale was instrumental in establishing.

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