

Press Release

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QNI Autumn Awards Ceremony

The QNI's Autumn Awards Ceremony was held at the Royal Garden Hotel in London on Monday 14 November 2016.

Photographs of the event can be seen here: <https://goo.gl/photos/v1HWkxbrAh2FgV6A8>

Kate Billingham CBE, Chair of the QNI's Council, opened the event and commented, 'This is always a very special event for the QNI, a chance to recognise and celebrate achievements in community nursing. It is good to be reminded of the dedication, the passion and the skills of nurses working in the community.' Kate welcomed four new Fellows of the QNI:

Professor Alison Leary

Alison is Professor of Healthcare & Workforce Modelling at London South Bank University. She continues to practice in London in an advanced practice and clinical leadership role Alison has considerable clinical, research, operational and strategic experience. She has led high performing services and delivered significant service and quality improvement within the NHS and nationally in the third sector. Alison is also an experienced non-executive director, a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing and a Trustee of the RCN Foundation. Her academic background encompasses science, nursing, medicine and mathematics.

Angela McLernon

Angela is the Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Committee for Nursing and Midwifery. In this role since 2014, Angela works to bring stakeholders together in Northern Ireland to take forward work in support of employers, nurses and midwives to deliver safe and effective person-centred care. From 2011 to 2013, Angela was Interim Chief Nursing Officer for Northern Ireland during which time and to the present, she has worked closely with the NMC in support of the introduction of revalidation for nurses and midwives across the UK. As Nursing Officer prior to this, Angela had responsibility for nursing policy and strategy relating to Community and Primary Care, Public Health, Child Health, Safeguarding and Nurse Prescribing and was key to the introduction of the Family Nurse Partnership Programme to Northern Ireland.

Professor Laura Serrant

Laura is a Queen's Nurse, a Professor of Nursing at Sheffield Hallam University, an independent consultant and an experienced coach and mentor. Laura has over thirty years' experience of health care practice, research, policy development and management including strategic leadership experience in higher education, at national policy and Trust Board level within the NHS and working with a range of national and international government agencies. Much of her clinical academic research focuses on the needs of marginalised and 'seldom heard' communities, while her leadership activities are aimed at advancing health care scholarship and workforce wellbeing/diversity in particular. In 2014 Laura was recognised by the Health Service Journal in three separate national award categories for her work: Top 50 Inspirational Women in Healthcare, BME Pioneers and Clinical Leaders.

Professor Jean White

Jean has been Chief Nursing Officer, Nurse Director of NHS Wales and professional head of nursing and midwifery in Wales since 2010. She has expertise in professional regulation, nurse education, programme design, quality assurance, workforce modernisation and policy development. She also has experience of managing organisational change and is currently leading on many changes in health and social care in Wales, including the transformation of primary care and the role of the nurse in general practice. Her extensive work with the Welsh government has resulted in the support of an Advanced Practice framework which last year became fully implemented. Jean also led the significant change to legislation about nurse staffing levels in Wales – resulting in the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) 2016 Act, the first such act in Europe.

Brendan Garry

Goodeve-Docker Memorial Prize

The Philip Goodeve-Docker Memorial Prize was presented to Brendan Garry of London Southbank University for outstanding achievement on the District Nursing programme. The Memorial Prize was established in memory of a young man who chose to raise funds for the QNI while trekking across Greenland, but who tragically lost his life in the attempt. The prize is now awarded to the top performing student on a District Nursing programme at every university in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, each year. The Prize was presented by Mr Nigel Goodeve-Docker, Philip's father, who spoke about the experience of his son and his admiration for the work of the QNI and of community nurses.

Queen's Nurses

Dr Crystal Oldman, QNI Chief Executive, then welcomed the new Queen's Nurses to the QNI.

111 Queen's Nurses received their badges and certificates from Professor Viv Bennett, Chief Nurse at Public Health England and a Fellow of the QNI. Professor Bennett praised the Queen's Nurses for their dedication and excellence in practice, which serves as a role model to others and shows how vital community nursing is to the health of everyone in our society.

George Plumptre, the Chief Executive of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS), also gave a brief address. The NGS has been the largest funder of the QNI, since it was established by the QNI in 1927. Today it raises over £3m a year for nursing and caring charities by opening around 4000 gardens to the public. The money that the QNI receives from the NGS goes directly to supporting the Queen's Nurse network, which now numbers over 1000 nurses working in the community and primary care.

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