

## Press Release

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# QNI Awards Ceremony celebrates excellence in community nursing

The Queen's Nursing Institute held its Spring Awards Ceremony at the Grand Connaught Rooms in London on Monday 9 May.

At the event, 126 new Queen's Nurses received their badges and certificates, presented by Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer in England. Ms Cummings, Dr Crystal Oldman, QNI Chief Executive, and Kate Billingham CBE, Chair of the QNI's Council, welcomed the new Queen's Nurses.

Jane Cummings spoke about the growing impact they are having on learning, leadership and service development in communities around the country. She said that today's community nurses worked holistically - assessing, treating, prescribing, and wrapping health services around people in need of care. She said that she was proud to belong to a profession so full of passion, integrity and desire to help improve care for individuals and families.

The Fund for Innovation and Leadership Award project leaders were presented with their badges by Lady Henrietta St George, a trustee of the Burdett Trust for Nursing, which funded the projects. Eleven projects were represented, that were completed in January 2016. The project leaders also gave poster presentations about the impact of their work on improving care for patients, families and carers.

The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Award for Outstanding Service was presented to six nurses by Kate Billingham CBE. Full citations of the Award winners are linked below. Ms Billingham paid tribute to the incredible work of these nurses and the positive impact they have on colleagues, their patients and their communities.

New Queen's Nurse Janet Maudsley attended the event with her mother, who herself had qualified as a Queen's Nurse in 1963. The QN title was reintroduced in 2007 after an absence of almost forty years.

George Plumptre, Chief Executive of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) spoke about the deepening ties between the QNI and the NGS, and the role that Queen's Nurses have come to play linking garden visiting, healthy lifestyles, social prescribing and improved health for people and communities. He said that the NGS was delighted to support the QN network and other nursing and caring charities.

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Notes to Editors

Full list of awardees

Citations of Outstanding Service Award Winners.

Photographs of the event can be viewed at: <https://goo.gl/photos/M8yC9LqSZfnN7bFw9> . For high resolution photographs please contact the QNI.

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