

Proud of your team? Proud of your work?

Looking for an opportunity to share your expertise and innovative ideas with other primary care specialists across the UK and the chance to win £500 and attend our awards lunch on 19 November 2008 at the NEC, Birmingham?

The Nursing in Practice Awards 2008 will reward best practice in a variety of clinical areas, and are designed to recognise excellence and innovation in the primary care setting. Applications are invited from individual nurses or teams of primary healthcare professionals who have undertaken projects to improve the quality of care for groups of patients in the following clinical areas:

Cardiac care

Dermatology

Mental health including dual diagnosis

Respiratory care

Travel health

Childhood immunisation

Diabetes

Obesity

Sexual health

Team of the year

We invite all primary care nurses and teams working in a primary care setting to submit a small report outlining their work. Reports should be no longer than 1,500 words and should be submitted with a cover sheet to nip@campden.com before 5.30pm on **23 May 2008** (cover sheet attached).

A panel of judges made up of key experts in each clinical area has been assembled. The panel will review all projects submitted in time (all personal and practice details will be removed to ensure fairness).

The top five projects in each award category will be invited to an interview in person or via conference call with the prestigious panel judges. The top three projects will be invited to the awards ceremony and lunch on the 19 November 2008 at the NEC Birmingham where we will announce the winners.

Top nominees will also be given the opportunity to showcase their work in Nursing in Practice magazine and on www.nursinginpractice.com, and the winners will be invited to talk about their work at a future Nursing in Practice Event of their choice.

As well as the opportunity to have your work reviewed and commended by leaders in primary



healthcare, we also offer the winners of each award £500. The top three projects will also be presented with a certificate of achievement at our awards ceremony taking place at the NEC Birmingham on 19 November 2008.

How to enter the Nursing in Practice Awards 2008?

Nominating a project (Submit entry by the 23 May 2008)

Projects will need to have been completed during the past 18 months. Applicants will be invited to submit a report on their project in no more than 1,500 words. Please send us your report with the cover sheet attached.

Each entry will be evaluated on the following key criteria (please visit website for more information www.nursinginpractice.com/awards):

- Clearly defined objectives for quality improvement within the project.
- Clearly described interventions.
- Innovation and new ways of working.
- Clarity of leadership and how the qualities have affected the team.
- Robust data collection and analysis, showing measured improvements in patient care (ie, clinical outcomes).
- The sustainability of the changes observed.
- The ability to be replicated across other practices.

Nominating an individual (Submit entry by the 23 May 2008)

If you are nominating an individual, please provide their name, full job title and work address, and describe in no more than 1,500 words why you feel that this person deserves the award. Please also advise the nominee that you are entering them into the competition and provide their full contact details.

Entries should be emailed to nip@campden.com. Each should have the covering letter (attached) with the full title of the project and the intended category clearly marked. Each should have a list of all team members plus a primary contact name, number and email address.

Please send any photos or illustrations/figures as separate email attachments (<3 MB). All images must be at least 300dpi in resolution. Acceptable formats include: TIFF, EPS, Photoshop, and JPEG. (Images embedded in Microsoft Word documents and PICT files are not suitable.)



Selecting the winners

An independent expert panel will review all unnamed projects and select winners according to the criteria outlined above.

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Timelines for Awards - The closing date for receipt of all nominations is **23 May 2008**.

The panel reviews will then take place with the final five nominations:

- Cardiac care - 7 July 2008
- Childhood immunisation - 8 July 2008
- Dermatology - 15 July 2008
- Diabetes - 14 July 2008
- Mental health including dual diagnosis - 21 July 2008
- Obesity - 22 July 2008
- Respiratory care - 1 July 2008
- Sexual health - 29 July 2008
- Travel health - 4 August 2008
- Team of the year - 5 August 2008

The final three will be invited to the award ceremony at the Nursing in Practice Event in Birmingham NEC on 19 November 2008, where the winners will be announced.

Each winner will be invited to present a case study at a Nursing in Practice Event of their choice in 2009.

If you have any queries regarding the awards, please contact **Elizabeth Yareham at 020 7214 0508**.

