

## **Thirty-five new Queen's Nurses receive the title – Queen's Nurses now number more than 100**



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Community nurses from all over the country received the title of Queen's Nurse at the QNI's Spring Award Ceremony, held at the Lansdowne Club in central London on 10 May.

Also receiving recognition were five recipients of the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Award for Outstanding Service. They are Stella Abiona, Doreen Diamond, Eve Gibb, Susan Gowland and Wendy Weller.

Certificates were presented by guest of honour, Dame Donna Kinnair, Director of Commissioning and Nursing at Southwark PCT, and recently a member of the Prime Minister's Commission on the future of nursing and midwifery. In her address Dame Donna said, "The nurses here all care for vulnerable people – they have delivered a voice to people in the community who have none. They are advocates for the older generation. Collectively, they represent something very special. These nurses are the way of the future – of nursing people in their own homes and communities, with a huge responsibility for delivering good care. They treat the whole person, not just a single condition, and give support to patients' families, partners, and communities. We should celebrate the individual care we give. They are also leaders in the Transforming Community Services programme, and from turning 'good' to 'great'. Nursing is a great profession and we should be 'good ancestors' for the nurses of the future. I don't think I could have chosen a better job."

Two new Fellows of the Institute were also welcomed by Rosalynde Lowe, Chair of Trustees of the QNI: Viv Bennett, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer at the Department of Health, and Rosemary Kennedy CBE, Chief Nursing Officer, Wales. They join the thirty-six other Fellows of the Institute who are leaders in diverse fields relating to community nursing.

Rosemary Cook CBE, Director of the QNI said, "At a time when there is so much uncertainty surrounding the future of our health services, it is inspiring to see so many dedicated and passionate community nurses and to welcome them to the Queen's Nursing Institute. All our new Queen's Nurses, Fellows, and Outstanding Service Award winners share one thing in common and that is a dedication to ensuring that patients receive excellent care in the community.'

Anne Pearson, Practice Development Manager at the QNI, added: 'We are really pleased to have more than 100 Queen's Nurses now. Our new QN development programme, starting this year, will help them to develop the skills and confidence to do even more to improve patient care.'

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### **Notes to Editors**

1. The Queen's Nursing Institute is the charity dedicated to improving the nursing care of people in their own homes. We do this by influencing healthcare policy and by developing Queen's Nurses to act as leaders and role models to others.

2. The recipients of the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Award for Outstanding Service are:

**Stella Abiona**

Stella is the lead nurse in the TB service provided by Greenwich Community Health Services.

She leads a team that provides support to both TB patients and their families. Stella's nominator said: 'What never ceases to amaze me is the way that Stella smiles through every challenge. I feel truly humbled by this very outstanding nurse.'

**Doreen Diamond**

Doreen is a retired community nurse who now works as a counsellor for the Ravenscliffe community association in Bradford, as well as for the mental health trust and the 'health

on the streets team'. Her nominator said: 'Doreen would always go the extra mile to help patients, their families or members of staff – she was sorely missed when she retired.'

Eve Gibb

Eve has been a practice nurse at the Luther Street Medical Centre, Oxford, for 25 years, managing drug and alcohol problems amongst its patients. Eve's nominator said: 'There are many alcoholics living independent lives in Oxford today who would have been dead before the age of 40 were it not for Eve's constant support and encouragement. Eve engages, encourages and empowers people who have had little of this in their lives.'

Susan Gowland

Susan has been a district nursing sister in Manchester for more than 20 years. She has also been a liaison officer, tutor and nurse manager, teaching and leading other community nurses. Susan's nominator said: 'Every aspect of her work is approached with compassion, dedication and expertise – her opinions and advice are sought after, appreciated and acted upon.'

Wendy Weller

Wendy is a Community Matron in the Hertfordshire Community Health Service. She was one of the first community matrons in Hertfordshire, and the first nurse in the district to set up the Gold Standard Framework to ensure the quality of palliative care. Wendy's nominator said: 'If I had to think of someone who is a true 'artist' in nursing, it would be Wendy Weller.'

3. The Queen's Nurses inducted at the event were:

Elizabeth Alderton, from Romford, Essex, a District Nurse Team Leader

Frances Allen, from Southampton, Locality Lead Co-ordinator

Jennifer Bourne, from Leyton, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Female Genital Mutilation

Sharon Beward, from Bangor, Gwynedd, Infant Feeding Co ordinator for North West Wales

Tracey Campbell, from Leeds, Specialist Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Service for the Homeless

Anita Clough, from Ashbourne, District Nurse & Community Matron

Michelle Davidson, from Weston Super Mare, Advanced Nurse Practitioner & Nurse Manager

Janet Diplock, from Cambridge, Senior Practice Nurse at Cottenham Surgery

David Drew, from Frome, Community Psychiatric Nurse

Alex Dudley, from Stafford, a Health Visitor

Linda Ginn, from Saxmundham in Suffolk, a Parish Nurse

Janet Gower, from Warboys, in Cambridgeshire, Nurse Practitioner

Linda Hancox, from Bideford, North Devon, Community Nurse, Learning Disabilities

Alison [Ellie] Hayter, from Horsham, West Sussex, Professional Practice Facilitator in the Patient Safety Team

Patricia Higgins, from Bromley in Kent, Memory Service Nurse

Anne Hobbs, from Stafford, a Health Visitor & Community Practice Teacher

Philip Howe, from Bideford, North Devon, a Community Nurse for Learning Disabilities

Jennifer Hughes, from Leeds, a District Nurse Team Leader

Maxine Jenkins, from Leicester, Specialist Health Visitor for Homeless Families

Andrea Jennings, from Carnforth, Lancashire, a District Nurse Team Leader

Allyson Kent, from Willerby, East Yorkshire, Clinical Lead, Care Pathways and Packages Project

Susan Knight, from Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, Clinical Co-ordinator for the tissue viability service

Helen Leatherland, from Spalding, Lincolnshire, District Nurse/Case Manager

Deborah Myers, from Leeds, Governance and Professional Development Lead for Education

Marnel Owen, from Gwynedd, Wales, Senior Nurse in District Nursing

Gail Powell, from Knowle, Bristol, Clinical Nurse Specialist in the wound care service

Sunita Russell, from Harrow, Team Lead - Diabetes Specialist Nurse Team

Julie Ryder, from Wigan, Hospital Liaison Nurse for adults with learning disabilities

Julia Shirliffe, from Quidenham, Norfolk, County Service Manager, East Anglia Children's Hospice

Martin Smith, from Winchester, Children's community nurse

Heidi Thomson, from Stowe, Buckinghamshire, Senior Nurse Manager, Stowe School

Mary Warrilow, from Stourbridge, Community Lymphoedema Nurse Specialist

Three other new Queen's Nurses were unable to attend and will receive their certificates at the next Awards Ceremony in September.

#### 4. The two new Fellows are:

Viv Bennett, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer at the Department of Health in England.

Viv joined the Department in 2008. Her portfolio includes community nursing and health visiting, commissioning, transforming community services, mental health and learning disability and services for children and families. This includes work on safeguarding children following the Laming enquiry. She is national co-chair of the transforming community services board, and leads the Action on Health Visiting programme. Viv also has long experience of managing and commissioning provider services in primary care, leading change and improvements to services; as well as in practice and clinical research.

Rosemary Kennedy CBE.

Rosemary has a 'twin track' career: in addition to being the Chief Nurse of Wales, she is also Colonel Commandant of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (Territorial Army) and Honorary Civilian Consultant Adviser to the Army on Nursing. In her civilian role she provides expert professional nursing advice directly to the First Minister of Wales and senior members of the Government and civil service, as well as providing professional leadership for Welsh nurses, midwives and health visitors. Rosemary is currently chairing the UK-wide work on modernising midwifery – Midwifery 2020. In her military career, Rosemary rose to become Commanding Officer of a TA field hospital, and is now adviser to the Director General, Army Medical Services. In 2008 she was appointed by The Queen as Colonel Commandant of the QARANC, the first time that this appointment has been held by a TA Officer.