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Quotes from Award Winners

Presentation of the Gold Badge to Rosalynde Lowe CBE

'Ros has provided over 20 years of service to the Institute as its Chair, as a Trustee and most recently as a Patron Appointed Trustee. Ros is credited with the transformation of the Institute at a time when the organisation was struggling to define its role. Ros set about transforming the organisation over a 10-year period and many of the successes nationally and internationally the Institute enjoys today are as a result of Ros' work to lay the foundations for our future. Under Ros' leadership, the QNI introduced Fellowship, reintroduced the title of Queen's Nurse and established our work on homeless health, which has provided a much-needed spotlight on health care for people experiencing homelessness, an issue that Ros continues to champion. It is true to say that we would not be the organisation we are today, providing a home and a voice for all nurses working in the community without Ros' service, vision and leadership over the last 20 years.' – Professor John Unsworth

'I am overwhelmed at receiving this award and honoured to be joining such an amazing group of Gold Badge recipients. I am so proud to be part of the QNI, the Trustees and all the staff, who make it what it is today, The organisation for all community nurses.' – Rosalynde Lowe CBE

QNI Fellows

'It is a huge privilege to receive a fellowship from the Queen's Nursing Institute, and I do so on behalf of all the inspiring community nurses and leaders, patients and their communities that I have had the pleasure to work with over the past decades. This is the time for community nurses to continue to shine and demonstrate the immense impact they have on the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. The Queen's Nursing Institute is a vital part of their representation and growth, and I am pleased to be able to support their work to promote excellent nursing care for people in the home and in the community.' – Hilary Garratt, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for NHS England and NHS Improvement

'District and Community Nursing has been central throughout my career, and I aim to use every opportunity to raise the profile of this frequently overlooked workforce. The work of the Queen's Nursing Institute in this area and their reputable and effective voice for this workforce is inspirational. To be awarded

Fellowship of the QNI is an absolute honour; I am humbled to join such an auspicious group of colleagues.' – Professor Julie Green, Head of School, Keele University

'It is an incredible honour to join the long tradition of the QNI fellowship which elevates the importance of community nursing in people's health and wellbeing! Community nursing is at the heart of the WHO European Programme of Work and the backbone of Universal Health Coverage.' – Maggie Langins, Nursing and Midwifery Policy Adviser, WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Joan Myers OBE is currently in Kenya working for the children's charity she has founded there but tweeted that she was 'honoured and proud' to have received Fellowship of the QNI.

'I am delighted to receive this Fellowship and humbled to be listed alongside so many people that I admire. Throughout my career I have remained immensely proud of my District Nurse qualification and welcome this opportunity to support the QNI at such an important time for community nursing.' – Louise Patten, Director of NHS Confederation's ICS Network and Chief Executive of NHS Clinical Commissioners

'It is an honour and privilege to be awarded this prestigious Fellowship. This comes at a time when community nurses have continued to deliver outstanding care, in the face of significant challenges. I look forward to working with the Queen's Nursing Institute towards shaping the future of community nursing.' – Sue Tranka, Chief Nursing Officer, Welsh Government

Outstanding Service Award Winners

'I am absolutely bowled over to win this award and would like to dedicate it to all the Arch staff and patients. They have taught me so much over the years. I look forward to continue working with them and supporting them for years to come.' – Hannah Bishop

'I feel honoured and am humbled to receive this award. I also acknowledge the support of many wonderful colleagues that I have worked with over the years.' – Jane Cook

'I am incredibly honoured to receive this award from the QNI. I'm proud to have been able to influence the family-centred nursing care that babies, children and

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young people with life limiting conditions receive in the community. Having the option of high quality, responsive care at home means that families have true choice in their place of care. Palliative care has always been bigger than one organisation - being able to provide care, as well as educate and support other organisations and teams means families have greater access to the care they need.' – Dr Michael Tatterton

'I am immensely humble, honoured and privileged to receive the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Award for Outstanding Service. I have been a Queen's Nurse for 4 years and very proud to hold this recognition. I am equally proud of my 45 years of nursing that has included Acute nursing and the last 30 years Public Health Nursing in the NHS and my contributions to improve the delivery of services to our public.' – Sue Thomas

International Community Nurse of the Year Award

'I share this recognition to all international nurses who work in the community. The nursing vocation transcends different cultures, nationalities and time zones. The language and passion to serve are expressed by the many unsung heroes and community nurses/care workers who visited and cared for people with COVID in their own homes despite risks to their own health. Thank you all for everything you do.' – Marc Rodriguera, Joint Winner

'I joined my local GP Surgery at the start of the pandemic in March 2020 as an Advanced Mental Health Nurse Practitioner to plan and implement a mental health service hub. It has always been my aim to promote parity of esteem between physical and mental health needs, reduce shame, stigma and discrimination towards people needing to access mental health services and for them to be assessed and treated when they need it to avoid crisis situations. By providing quick and easy access to assessment and treatment and providing consistent and regular reviews, we have significantly reduced both referrals to urgent care and the need for antidepressant prescribing.' – Dennis Singson, Joint Winner

Queen's Nurses

'As nurses in the community today, you work in a very different world to that of the original Queen's Nurses. You have more opportunities for practice development than the original Queen's Nurses could ever have imagined – you have the knowledge and skills to assess, diagnose, treat and prescribe for your patients; and you have more influential roles in your communities, in public health and in health protection. But with these opportunities come new challenges, which we expect you, as Queen's Nurses, to rise to.' – Dr Crystal Oldman CBE