

Meet the Judging Panel: Commitment to Carer Award



Gary Bell
Editorial director of RCNi

Gary Bell has been a journalist for 30 years, working on newspapers in Australia and the UK. He joined RCNi in 2004 and held a number of different posts within the company, before being appointed to his current role in June 2019.



Jen Kenward
Experience of care lead, NHS England

Ms Kenward qualified as a registered general nurse, her background includes practice across a wide range of medical and surgical specialties, establishing nurse-led services and having a key role in the development of integrated care services. She has established educational programmes in London working across three trusts and in partnership with Middlesex University and the Open University to provide a development programme for healthcare assistants, fast-tracking them into registered nurse training.

Ms Kenward moved from clinical practice and education into operational management, first as a lead for equality and diversity, before leading patient experience in a large acute trust. She joined the patient experience team at NHS England in July 2013 and has specific responsibility for supporting work to improve experience in relation to end of life care, long-term conditions and unpaid carers.

Ms Kenward has been a carer for 12 years.



Joanne Bosanquet MBE
Chief executive, Foundation of Nursing Studies

Joanne Bosanquet was until recently deputy chief nurse at Public Health England and moved to the charity sector in June 2019. She is a Queen's Nurse and a visiting professor at the University of Surrey. She was awarded a fellowship of the Queen's Nursing Institute and an honorary doctorate from the University of Greenwich in October 2017. Ms Bosanquet completed a leadership scholarship through the Florence Nightingale Foundation in 2018. Her personal focus is on the WHO Sustainable Development Goals, universal health coverage and supporting nurses and midwives to aim big and influence policy and practice wherever they are. Ms Bosanquet's organisational focus is collaborating across health and care to establish innovative person-centred practice and cultures of care.



Margaret Sneddon

Honorary senior research fellow, University of Glasgow

Margaret Sneddon joined nursing and the Royal College of Nursing in 1974 as a student. Her clinical background spans gynaecology, oncology and palliative care, subsequently specialising in lymphoedema. She is an educator who initiated and led various palliative care and lymphoedema programmes in the University of Glasgow, taking on leadership of the Nursing & Health Care School for nine years. Ms Sneddon's contribution was recognised by the university with a Teaching Excellence Award in 2007 and an Outstanding Contribution to Lymphoedema Education from the International Lymphoedema Framework in 2009. In 2016 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the British Lymphology Society. Having retired as head of school in 2016, Ms Sneddon continues input to university education of all disciplines, support of the RCN and has an active leadership role as a trustee with the British Lymphology Society to further understanding of lymphoedema and chronic oedema.



Yvonne Coghill CBE, OBE

Director of WRES Implementation in NHS England

Yvonne Coghill commenced nurse training at Central Middlesex Hospital in 1977, qualified as a general nurse in 1980 and then went on to qualify in mental health nursing and health visiting. In 1986 she secured her first NHS management job and has since held a number of operational and strategic leadership posts.

Ms Coghill has been voted by colleagues in the NHS as one of the top 50 most inspirational women, one of the top 50 most inspirational nurse leaders and one of the top 50 BME pioneers. In 2018 she was awarded a fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing, an honorary fellowship from King's College University, honorary doctorates from the Middlesex and Buckinghamshire Universities and has become deputy president of the RCN.