

Meet the Judging Panel: Nursing Support Worker Award



Clare Lomas

Career development editor, Nursing Standard

Clare Lomas is the career development editor at Nursing Standard. She joined RCNi in 2011 as Nursing Standard opinion editor and now heads up the careers and student sections. She also hosts the panel talks at the RCNi Nursing Careers and Jobs Fairs. Ms Lomas trained as a nurse at King's College London, qualifying in 1998. She specialised in cardiology and thrombosis research, and also has a degree in sociology and social psychology from the University of Bradford.



Evan Keir

Evan has been a Healthcare Support Worker in Mental Health since 2013, and an activist with the RCN since joining the same year. For the last 4 years he has worked in NHS Dumfries and Galloway's new intermediate care service Glencairn ward, at Midpark hospital in Dumfries. In 2016 Evan was accredited as a Safety rep and then as a Steward. In 2018 he was elected to represent Nursing Support Workers as their member of RCN Council and continues to hold this role after successful re-election last year.



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.



Ruth Oshikanlu MBE

CEO, Goal Mind

Ruth Oshikanlu is an expert nurse, midwife and health visitor with more than 23 years' experience in delivering secondary and primary healthcare services in the statutory and voluntary sectors. She is the CEO of Goal Mind – a coaching consultancy that helps individuals improve their performance at work through employee engagement. She is also a Queen's Nurse, Winston Churchill Fellow and Fellow of the Institute of Health Visiting and Royal College of Nursing. Ms Oshikanlu is the recipient of several national healthcare and business awards. She is a regular columnist and has published several feature articles in numerous national nursing and healthcare journals. She also received an Honorary Doctorate degree from London South Bank University in November 2019.