



To: All mental health service users and carers across
Wales

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Dear Service User/Carer

ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH & LEARNING DISABILITY NURSING AWARDS FOR WALES

Over the last few years, the Assembly has hosted the above awards to recognise the significant contribution that nurses across Wales are making to provide high quality care and take forward service improvements in the fields of mental health & learning disabilities.

The Minister for Health and Social Services, Edwina Hart MBE OStJ AM agreed that a new award should be established for 2008-9 and beyond, whereby those who have actually experienced exceptional nursing care within NHS mental health services can nominate individual nurses to receive an award.

The Assembly, in partnership with the Wales Alliance for Mental Health, is therefore now seeking nominations for the award category of:-

'Service User Nomination For Outstanding Nursing Contribution' – A personal award of £1,000 will be made to the mental health nurse who has been nominated by service users as having demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the care of people with mental health needs.'

Please send any nomination you wish to make to Wales Alliance for Mental Health c/o David England, stating clearly the name of the nurse, where they work and why you think they should receive this award.



Your nominations can be submitted either by email to publicaffairs@hafal.org or by post to David England at Hafal, Suite C2, William Knox House, Britannic Way, Llandarcy, Neath, SA10 6EL. ***Nominations must be received by 1st March 2010.***

An independent panel of judges selected by the Wales Alliance for Mental Health will review the nominations received and select the winner.

Yours sincerely

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