

Inspirational nurses celebrated in Nursing Times Leaders 2015

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Nursing Times (NT) has announced its list of the country's most inspirational nursing leaders in 2015 at a reception in London. The 48 individuals come from all aspects of the nursing profession including frontline patient care, management, research and academia, national organisations and charities. They include nurses and midwives at all career stages from the recently qualified to a retired nurse who now serves in the House of Lords as a crossbench peer.

The brand, which provides continuing professional development for nurses as well as being the voice for the nursing community and the leading source of nursing news and best practice in the UK, has compiled the list in association with Allocate Software and NHS Employers. Many of the leaders were nominated by NT readers, and the list was selected by a panel of expert judges that included the chief nursing officer for Northern Ireland, and has been endorsed by the chief nurses of all four countries in the UK.

Nominees were judged on the impact of their work on nursing policy, practice or care; their influence on and understanding of how health and social care fit together; the sustainability of their achievement and the extent to which they act as role models for others.

Nursing Times editor Jenni Middleton said:

"This list celebrates a group of the most influential, intelligent and impactful nurses in the profession, and demonstrates the huge contribution nurses and midwives make to defining and implementing excellent patient care. I hope they will inspire others in the profession to have the confidence to achieve their full potential, and highlight to the wider public just how far nursing has come in the past two decades.

"Nurses are no longer junior partners in healthcare – they influence all levels of healthcare from clinical practice to government policy, and patients benefit from their skills and insight."

Note to editors

Nursing Times Leaders 2015 were announced at a reception on 30 September at Prince Philip House, London. The full list is as follows:

- Cheryll Adams, executive director, Institute of Health Visiting
- Gail Adams, Head of nursing, Unison
- Breda Athan, senior matron for infection and immunity, and high-level isolation and immunity lead, Royal Free London Foundation Trust
- David Bates, director, Army Nursing Services and assistant director for healthcare requirements and assurance, Army Medical Services
- Viv Bennett, chief nurse, Public Health England
- Sally Burgess, matron, mental health liaison, Worcester Royal Hospital
- Yinglen Butt, deputy chief nurse, Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust, London
- Heather Caudle, chief nurse, Ashford and St Peter's Foundation Trust
- Teresa Chinn, founder, @WeNurses
- Michael Clift, practice development nurse, Whittington Health, London
- Shirley Coward, paediatric/neonatal matron, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust
- Caitlin Dean, chair, Pregnancy Sickness Support

- Avril Devaney, director of nursing and therapies, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Foundation Trust
- Maurice Devine, assistant director, HSC Clinical Education Centre
- Belinda Dewar, professor of practice improvement, University of the West of Scotland
- Jan Dewing, Sue Pembrey chair in nursing, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
- Jo Dickson, lead nurse – informatics, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust
- Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent, interim head of midwifery, NHS England
- Anna-Marie Edwards and Kerry Taylor, shared governance facilitators, Nottingham University Hospitals Trust
- Audrey Emerton, cross bench member, House of Lords
- Kath Evans, head of patient experience, maternity, newborn, children and young people, NHS England
- Susan Hamer, director of nursing, learning and organisational development, National Institute for Health Research
- Hilda Hayo, shief Admiral Nurse/ chief executive, Dementia UK
- Heather Henry, co-vice chair, NHS Alliance
- Cheryl Kipping, consultant nurse (dual diagnosis, South London and Maudsley Foundation Trust, London
- **Kim Manley, professor of practice development, Canterbury Christ Church University**
- Wendy Mashlan, lead advanced nurse practitioner for care of the elderly, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
- Ruth May, nurse director, Monitor
- Tanya McCance, director, Institute of Nursing and Health Research, Ulster University
- Brendan McCormack, Head of divison of nursing, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
- Julienne Meyer, professor of nursing: care for older people, City University, London
- Gary Mitchell, dementia care advisor, Four Seasons Health Care
- Gwen Moulster, clinical director/consultant nurse, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Foundation Trust
- Ruth Northway, professor of learning disability nursing, University of South Wales
- Crystal Oldman, chief executive, Queen’s Nursing Institute
- Ruth Oshikanlu, trustee and founding director, Nu Social Health Organisation
- Mark Radford, chief nursing officer, University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire Trust
- Shellie Radford, staff nurse, critical care, Nottingham University Hospitals trust
- Laura Serrant, professor of community and public health nursing, University of Wolverhampton
- Oliver Shanley, deputy chief nurse and director of quality and safety, Herefordshire Partnership University Foundation Trust
- Rebecca Sherrington, respiratory nurse consultant, Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey
- Louise Silverton, director for midwifery, Royal College of Midwives
- Sur Smith, executive chief nurse, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Foundation Trust
- Janice Smyth, director, RCN Northern Ireland
- Chris Stanley, retired executive director of nursing and governance, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Foundation Trust
- Deborah Sturdy, director, Deborah Sturdy Ltd
- Paul Trevatt, strategic clinical network lead, cardiovascular disease and end-of-life care (London Region), NHS England

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