

Celebrating General Practice Nursing (GPN) Conference.

On Friday 18th November at Ashford International Hotel, the Kent and Medway Primary Care Training Hub in collaboration with Macmillan and Kent LMC, held the 2022 Kent and Medway General Practice Nurse (GPN) conference. They brought the General Practice Nursing Teams together for the first time since the Pandemic, to celebrate and recognise the contribution they make to patient care for the population of Kent and Medway General Practice Nursing Teams are involved in every aspect of a patient journey in primary care and as such make a significant contribution to prevention, self-care, and the management of long-term conditions.

This Conference was a celebration of Primary Care Nursing Teams across Kent & Medway, with a focus on:

- Recognition of the work and skills of Nursing Teams in Primary Care
- Celebrating the achievements and diversity of GPNs
- Enabling GPNs to have a voice
- Category Awards
- Sharing Best Practice
- Identifying CPD and Leadership opportunities for our GPN Teams
- Networking
- Demonstrating the important contribution that GPNs have in supporting patients with Cancer

The winners are detailed below:

1. Nicola Field from Redwood Practice, Dartford West Health Centre who won the Personalised Collaborative Working and Health Promotion award for her work in leading the Covid vaccination programme in her area

Feedback from Nicola - I feel very privileged to have received this award .It also has been a privilege as a nurse to be able to play such a role in the Covid Pandemic It has probably been one of the most challenging times in the 37 years of my nursing career . It has been brilliant working with the vaccination team including nurse's pharmacist paramedics doctors, care coordinator, pharmacy technician, admin and our wonderful volunteers.

2. Kathy Ellis from Whitstable Medical Practice who won the Assessment, Investigation and Diagnosis & Professional award for her long standing career and the development and support she provides to the wider members of her team
3. Marney Pugh-Roberts from the PCN Care Home Team Margate who won the Condition Management and Treatment award in recognition of the work she does in supporting care homes with her wealth of skills
4. Claire Morgan from Oaklands Health Centre who won the Leadership and Management, Education and Research award in recognition of her work as an inspirational leader
5. Christy Best from Herne Bay UTC who won Practice Educator award having gone from a HCA to RN & Practice Assessor in the UTC
6. Cancer Pre-Habilitation Project Team from CARE PCN who won the Macmillan Award for their work in supporting the cancer screening programmes and cancer reviews in their area
7. Calina Bartholomew from Temple Hill Group who won the People's Choice award for her poster on delivery of care with UTCs

Our Runners up were:

1. Return to Practice – Covid Vaccination Team in Thanet (Coastal and Rural East PCN) as nomination came from a Nurse at Minster Surgery. They were awarded the runner up award for the Collaborative Working and Health Promotion for their work in supporting the roll out of the Covid Vaccination initiative.
2. Frances Rintoul from the University Medical Practice who was Runner up Leadership and Management, Education and Research Award for her work on her project for the GPN CARE programme
3. Julie Everard from Canterbury Medical Practice who was awarded Runner up for the GPN Core Capabilities Framework - Condition Management and Treatment Award. But there was little information describing what she did so if any further information that would be useful?
4. Tina Ismail from University Medical Practice who was awarded the Runner up Macmillan Award for her support for patients living with and beyond cancer
5. Marianne Hamlyn from The Grange Surgery won the runner up People's choice award for her poster on describing the importance of wellbeing of staff and the support available

Congratulations to all of our Winners and runners up for their well-deserved awards and as importantly **Thank you to each and every member of our GPN teams** across Kent and Medway for the amazing work they do every day to support our local population