



# MOONDANCE CANCER AWARDS

## Celebrating brilliant people and brave ideas across Wales

### GUIDE TO THE AWARDS

In this guide, you'll find everything you need to know to nominate yourself or others for a Moondance Cancer Award.

#### KEY DATES

- Nominations OPEN Wednesday 14 February 2024
- Nominations CLOSE Wednesday 10 April 2024
- Shortlist announced Thursday 25 April 2024
- Celebration & awards night Thursday 13 June 2024

#### About the Awards

The Moondance Cancer Awards celebrate and spotlight brilliant people across NHS Wales and its partners who deliver, lead, and innovate cancer services.

In hosting these awards, we want both to recognise the achievements of people and teams working across all parts of cancer detection, diagnosis, and treatment pathways; and showcase the innovation and improvement happening across the country.

#### About this guide

This guide contains the following sections:

- Award categories & criteria
- How to enter or nominate
- Our judges
- Celebration & Awards Night
- FAQs

### AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

Nominations and entries are being invited in 10 categories, overseen by three judging panels.

#### Achievement Awards

- Working together
- Better patient experience
- Patient & public participation & involvement

#### Innovation & Improvement Awards

- Innovation & Improvement: Early detection & diagnosis
- Innovation & Improvement: Cancer treatment
- Innovation & Improvement: Working with industry & 3rd Sector
- Innovation & Improvement: Cancer workforce

#### Excellence Awards

- Excellence: Systems & Pathways
- Excellence: Non-medical & nursing
- Excellence: Medical

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## Eligibility

You can enter yourself / yourselves, or you can be nominated by a colleague working in the Welsh NHS or partner organisations. You must work in the Welsh NHS or a related service/organisation to enter or to nominate.

We welcome entries and nominations for people and/or teams working across any part of cancer pathways – from awareness, through to detection, diagnosis, treatment and care.

Entries and nominations can recognise the efforts and impact of those who support front line staff as well as those directly delivering front line services.

Entries should relate to activity since August 2022 onwards or where the impact/conclusion of activity has been since this time.

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## Achievement Awards

This category of awards recognises individuals and teams that have enabled positive change for cancer patients.

- 1. Working together.** The winners of this award will be a group or team that demonstrate how deep collaboration has enabled them to better respond to the needs of (suspected) cancer patients. This could be between departments, specialties, across health board boundaries and/or multiple organisations.
- 2. Better patient experience.** This award will recognise an individual or team that has delivered measurable improvement in patient experience. This could be at any point of the patient cancer journey.
- 3. Patient & public participation & involvement.** The winners of this award will demonstrate how meaningful public and patient participation and involvement has helped improve or influence cancer services. This could relate to any part of the cancer pathway,

The judging panel for the Achievement category is:

**Prof. Tom Crosby OBE**, Cancer Clinical Director for Wales

**Judi Rhys MBE**, CEO Tenovus Cancer Care

**Rachel Reed**, Bowel Cancer Survivor & Patient Advocate

**Dr Heather Wilkes**, GP & RDC Clinical Lead



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## Innovation & Improvement Awards

This category of awards will celebrate individuals and teams that have innovated and/or improved cancer services, demonstrating better outcomes for (suspected) cancer patients and measurable improvements in the quality and effectiveness of services.

- 1. Innovation & Improvement: Early detection & diagnosis.** This award recognises ambitious and effective innovation in early detection and diagnosis of cancer or the implementation of significant improvements within existing diagnostic pathways.
- 2. Innovation & Improvement: Cancer treatment.** This award recognises innovation or improvements in cancer treatment that are benefitting patients in Wales. This may be in surgery, oncology or an associated element of treatment.
- 3. Innovation & Improvement: Working with industry & 3rd Sector.** This award recognises the diverse roles played by industry and third sector partners in better cancer outcomes for Wales – whether in life sciences, in specialist provision, in patient support and palliative care, or beyond.
- 4. Innovation & Improvement: Cancer workforce.** This award recognises changes that have enabled or are enabling the cancer workforce – such as (but not limited to) better equipment, training or support to staff working at any stage of cancer pathways; introducing new roles or ways of working; or the successful redesign or redeployment of a workforce to meet evolving cancer demand.

The judging panel for the Innovation and Improvement category is:

**Cari-Anne Quinn**, CEO Life Sciences Hub Wales

**Judith Paget CBE**, Director General of Health & Social Services & Chief Executive of NHS Wales

**Prof Angus Watson**, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Inverness, NHS Highland

**Dr David Gillen**, Chief Medical Officer, Norgine



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## Excellence Awards

The excellence category spotlights key individuals who are inspiring and mobilising changes leading to better cancer outcomes in Wales. Individuals at all levels below Executive / Medical Director are eligible, and we are interested in those driving change in frontline services, and in support services.

- 1. Excellence: Systems and Pathways:** To recognise excellence in the operational support, delivery or management of cancer services.
- 2. Excellence: Non-medical & nursing:** To recognise excellence by a non-medical clinician, such as nurses and allied health professionals.
- 3. Excellence: Medical:** To recognise excellence by a junior or senior doctor, or other doctor working in acute or community health services.

The judging panel for the Excellence category is:

**Henry Engelhardt CBE**, Founder & CEO Emeritus, Admiral Group Plc

**Tim Mitchell**, Consultant ENT Surgeon & President of the Royal College of Surgeons England

**Prof Kamila Hawthorne MBE**, GP & Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners

**Dr Megan Mathias MBE**, Chief Operating Officer, Cabinet Office, Crown, & External Relations, Isle of Man Government



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## HOW TO ENTER OR NOMINATE

The Awards are open to nominations and entries between Wednesday 14 February to Wednesday 10 April 2024.

The nomination form is available on our website here: [moondance-cancer.wales/awards/enter-now](https://moondance-cancer.wales/awards/enter-now).

Completed forms should be submitted to: [awards@moondance-cancer.wales](mailto:awards@moondance-cancer.wales)

You can enter yourself, or you can be nominated by a colleague working in the Welsh NHS or partner organisations. You can nominate yourself or other individuals/teams for as many different awards as you like.

## Top tips for writing a winning entry

- **Tell us the story** – write your entry as though you are telling the judges the story of the individual or team being nominated, explaining why their efforts stand out from the crowd.
- **Prove it** – wherever you can, supplement your claims with evidence, especially proof of innovation, improvement, and the positive impact for patients.
- **Make it a team effort** – if nominating a team, make sure that each team member involved in the work is included in the award application.
- **Blow that trumpet** – and shout loud and clear about achievements – remember: entry forms are not the time for modesty!

## CELEBRATION & AWARDS NIGHT

The Moondance Cancer Awards winners will be announced as part of our celebration and awards night on 13 June 2024, at Depot Cardiff.

TV presenter Sean Fletcher will be hosting the evening.

All shortlisted nominees and their nominators (if not self-nominated) will receive complementary tickets to the event, alongside invited guests from across the cancer sector in Wales.



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## FAQS

### Who can nominate?

You can enter yourself / yourselves, or you can be nominated by a colleague working in the Welsh NHS or partner organisations, e.g third sector, academic institutes.

We welcome entries and nominations for people working across any stage of cancer pathways – from awareness, through to detection, diagnosis, treatment and care. Entries and nominations can recognise the efforts and impact of those who support front line staff as well as those directly delivering front line services.

### Can I enter more than one category?

Yes, you can nominate yourself or other individuals/teams for as many categories as you like.

Please remember to complete a separate nomination form for each category you wish to enter.

### What is the judging process?

Moondance Cancer Initiative will shortlist from all entries.

The judges will review the shortlist independently, then meet as a panel to determine the winner(s).

### What will I win?

All shortlisted nominees and their nominators (if not self-nominated) will receive complementary tickets to the celebration & awards night on 13 June. Winners will also receive a Moondance Cancer Award trophy and recognition via coverage of the event.

### Can I get an invitation to the awards night?

All shortlisted nominees and their nominators (if not self-nominated) will receive complementary tickets to the celebration & awards night on 13 June.

Other guests from across the cancer sector in Wales will be invited, in recognition of their roles and contribution to achieving better cancer outcomes. If you know someone you think should be invited, please contact the team on **awards@moondance-cancer.wales**

### I have more questions, who can I speak to?

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