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From:  
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To:  
All care colleagues and care providers

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Dear care colleagues

Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards – nominate your colleagues today!

One of my ongoing priorities, since becoming Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care in December 2020, has been to make sure the extraordinary efforts of social care nurses and the wider care workforce are recognised at a national level. Our shared experiences during the pandemic, which continues to affect us all, makes this recognition even more essential.

Having spent many years working on the frontline, I know the incredible difference social care staff make and how much their work is appreciated by those in their care, their families and friends.

The first Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards were launched in May last year. Then as now, they aim to shine a light on the contribution of staff who go above and beyond every day to give people exceptional care.

The awards scheme is open to all roles across adult social care. There have been 86 Silver and 162 Gold nominations to date, recognising the amazing efforts and skills of colleagues across the sector. Those nominated include care assistants, registered nurses, social workers, education leads in learning disability services, supported housing, care homes and domiciliary care.

However, with 1.5 million people working across a wide range of settings, I know there are many more incredibly dedicated individuals out there who deserve recognition, including those from our ethnically and culturally diverse communities. We must all do more to encourage employers and managers to nominate and celebrate staff from all backgrounds.

We have recently streamlined the process to make nominating easier and faster. [You can read the guidance criteria here](#) and [nomination forms can be accessed here](#). All nominees are considered by a panel of nursing peers and awards are made throughout the year.

Please share this letter with your members and ask them to promote the Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care Awards with their organisations and teams. Please also consider colleagues you believe meet the criteria for national honours. [Further information can be found on GOV.UK](#)

If you have any questions about the awards or for any further information, please contact me at:  
[CN-ASC@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:CN-ASC@dhsc.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Sturdy', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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