

# The search is on for local healthcare heroes!



If you live in the Lothians then you are urged to nominate your local healthcare heroes as the hunt for Scotland's top health workers begins.

Every year, the Scottish Health Awards recognise and reward dedicated NHS staff, support workers, volunteers and specialist teams who go the extra mile to provide outstanding patient care.

Nominations are being sought from those who want to acknowledge the quality of treatment they have received, either for themselves or a loved one.

This is an opportunity to reward the people who help the NHS provide world-class care to the people of Scotland, whether in hospital, at a GP surgery, at the dentist, or in the community.

Last year, three NHS Lothian healthcare teams scooped top awards at the Scottish Health Awards 2015.

There are 16 award categories, including the Nurse Award, Volunteer Award, and Doctor Award.

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, said: "Every year the Scottish Health Awards provide an opportunity to show our appreciation for the dedicated individuals and teams delivering high quality health and care services to the people of Scotland.

"As the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, I regularly get to see the energy, commitment and compassion shown by people working in our NHSScotland and across our partners.

“These awards recognise the contribution of frontline health and social care workers but also celebrate those who work so hard behind the scenes in support roles to ensure we have the kind of health and care services that are so crucial to the success of NHSScotland and its partners.

“I hope that during the 10 week nomination period, patients, the public and staff will take the opportunity to nominate the people who deserve to be recognised for their contribution to the delivery of consistent, reliable and responsive health and care services in Scotland.”

Finalists will be invited to attend a prestigious awards ceremony at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh on Thursday 3 November 2016.–

To nominate your local healthcare hero go to [www.scottishhealthawards.com](http://www.scottishhealthawards.com). The closing date for nominations is Thursday 1 September.

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