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IS Leadership Challenge

30 April 2024

The Leadership Challenge took place at Queen's University Belfast and was attended by nurses from various healthcare settings, including nursing homes, nursing agencies, school nursing and hospices. The one-day event involved immersive participation in four scenarios, each introducing additional challenges throughout the day.

Participants were placed in teams and remained in those teams throughout the event. Each team was evaluated in the scenario by the judges and there was further team evaluation based on a presentation at the end of the day. The objective of the leadership challenge was to simulate a Cyberattack on a healthcare facility, allowing participants to assess the adaptability of their leadership skills in a crisis and their ability to prioritise patient and staff safety in a safe environment and with a person-centred approach.



Award of Merit Winners

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Congratulations to this year's RCN Award Winners. Northern Ireland had three members awarded the Award of Merit. One RCN member was awarded the Safety Representative of the Year and one RCN member was commended. The RCN ISNMN Lead, Connie Mitchell, was awarded the prestigious Award of Merit. These individuals were awarded for their voluntary service to RCN.

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Winners:

- Siobhan Donald: Award of Merit.
- Connie Mitchell: Award of Merit.
- Sara Gilpin: Award of Merit.
- Amanda Smith: Safety Representative of the Year Award.
- Graham Gibson: RCN Student Ambassador Commendation



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RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year 2024

This year's RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Awards proved to be another excellent event. Again, the event was well-represented by nominees from the Independent Sector including:

- Learning in Practice runner-up Leah Beattie
- Patient Choice runner-up Joan Newberry (RCN IS School Nurse Network)
- Independent Sector Award winner Hazel McMullan
- Independent Sector Award runner-up Diana Mos.



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Podcasts

1. Journey of Innovation: Creating Bespoke Person-Centred Services in the Independent Sector- Episode on managing innovation in the independent sector [Ciara Todd & Louise Campbell Healthcare Ireland].
2. "Professional Enjoyment of Nursing - A post-Doctoral Exploration by Sam Donoghue Assistant Director of the NMC " - Discussing her research exploring professional enjoyment of nursing.

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Blogs

Must-Read Blogs:

1. " The Diverse Role of Nurses in Schools: Leading the Way as an Independent Sector School Nurse" by Kerry Tinman. Kerry is a school nurse and an active IS School Nurse Network member. The blog highlights the role of the IS school nurse, encouraging other nurses to consider the career pathway.
2. " From Clinical Nurse to Nurse Leader: My Journey as a Dedicated Nursing Home Manager" by Connie Mitchell. Connie is the lead of the ISNMN. The blog promotes the role of nursing home managers.

Upcoming Events

- ISNMN meeting 10/07/24 Guest speaker Linda Craig.
- Nursing Workforce Standards Celebratory Event
- Event for Palliative Care Week in September TBC

For more information, please visit our website at:

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