

22nd June 2020

Dear Colleague

COVID-19 Honours

At a time of national crisis, we believe it is right to find a way to recognise and reward the incredible work that so many dedicated people are doing across the health and social care sectors, especially those who have been and continue to be right at the frontline.

Clearly there is no one size fits all approach to this, and we will all, within our own organisations, be thinking about the most appropriate ways to do this and at the most appropriate times. However we want to ensure that one of these avenues of recognition will be through awarding Queen's Honours for outstanding service. Given the lead in time for that process we do need to start the ball rolling on consideration for these now.

I am therefore writing to ask you to help foster nominations for people you know are going above and beyond at this difficult time. These are likely to be people who were probably already working at an exceptional level before the pandemic but have continued to contribute significantly over the past few months.

Unfortunately, as has always been the case, the number of Honours available will be far fewer than the number of people who have gone above and beyond. We would therefore encourage you to consider how best to represent the incredibly diverse workforce that makes up the health and social care sectors and to help us ensure that all corners of the country are also represented as befits the national effort.

Given these are exceptional times we have tried to reduce the burden by cutting down a little on the paperwork that is needed to support a nomination. We have attached a modified nomination form in the hope that you will be able to find the time to submit names to us by **1st July**.

If you would like to discuss the process or a specific nomination, please contact england.cso@nhs.net. Thank you so much in advance for your co-operation.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline.

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